

The correspondence of M. de Pressensé contains specific and well-attested facts of deep interest. The following narrative is furnished by a Colporteur :—

‘ Three years have now elapsed since, whilst travelling in the omnibus from B—— to B——, I fell in with a French professor, who had some employment in Spain. After having insulted me before our travelling companions, by telling them that I was connected with a mysterious Society, which under cover of the mantle of Christian philanthropy, was engaged in smuggling into Spain what its agents designated the Word of God, but which he as a man of learning had detected to be simply a parody of the true Bible, he advised them, one and all, to turn a deaf ear to the offers and solicitations of the vender of such a detestable book. As you may suppose, I did not long remain silent after such an attack ; and I defended the cause of the Bible with some considerable amount of warmth. The discussion was continued during the whole of the journey ; and judge of my surprise when, on getting out of the omnibus, the professor said to me, “ Though we may entertain different views, I must ask you to sell me one of your little Bibles, for our conversation has made me desirous to read it ;” and thereupon we separated. But the most surprising part of my story has still to be told. Some few days back I proceeded to an inn in a small town where I intended to colport, for the purpose of securing a lodging. I had already been seated some time in the room where I was taking my meal, when a gentleman who had been intently watching me, and in such a manner as somewhat to annoy me, rose from his seat and came to the table at which I was sitting, and without any preface, exclaimed, “ Were you not in such a year at B——, and were you not then occupied in selling the Bible ?” “ Yes,” was my reply ; and on examining his face narrowly, I recognized the professor, who at that time was living in Spain. Having thus recognized each other, the professor said, “ Come into my room, for I have some astonishing things to tell you about the Bible which you sold me on getting out of the B—— omnibus.” I did not need to be asked a second time, and I eagerly