

of the British and Foreign Bible Society, to testify, on their part, the respect and affection with which they regarded him, as one of the earliest and most interesting of their foreign correspondents, the good man took me by the hand, and drew me gently towards the seat which he usually occupies, exclaiming, but without any turbulence of either voice or manner, 'Sir, this is too great an honour;—how shall I answer words like these?' After the first emotions had subsided, our conversation became familiar; and as it never ceased, from that time to the moment of our separation, to turn, more or less, upon the things pertaining to the kingdom of God, as they appeared in the small scale of his own, or the great scale of the Bible Society's labours; it never ceased to be deeply interesting, and pregnant with edification.

"The Sunday exhibited this venerable man in the pastoral character, under which it had been so much my desire (might it but be permitted me) to see him. As he makes the circuit of his churches, the turn on this Sunday belonged to Belmont, distant about half a league from the parsonage of Waldbach. At ten o'clock we began to move. M. Oberlin took the lead in his ministerial attire, a large beaver and flowing wig, mounted on a horse brought for that purpose, according to custom, by one of the bourgeois of the village, whose turn it was to have the honour of fetching his pastor, and receiving him to dinner at his table. I rode as nearly beside him as the narrow track would allow. M. Rönneberg, accompanied by Mr. Daniel Le Grand, followed. The rear was brought up by the bourgeois before mentioned, carrying a leathern bag, slung across his shoulders, which contained the other part of his minister's dress, his books, &c., and a respectable peasant as an attendant on the general cavalcade. I will not detain you by particulars,

which, however interesting, would draw me too far from the main object of my attention. I will only say, that the appearance of the congregation, their neat and becoming costume, their order, and their seriousness, together with the fervour, tenderness, and simplicity, with which the good minister addressed them, both in his sermon in the morning, and his catechetical lecture in the afternoon, conveyed to my mind the most delightful impression—that of a sincere and elevated devotion. The interval between the services was passed, partly in dining at the house of the happy bourgeois, (for the duty of fetching and entertaining their pastor, is, in the estimation of this simple people, a privilege of the highest order) and partly in visiting some of the excellent individuals, both men and women, but particularly the latter, in which this part of the parish abounds. The affability and graceful condescension with which the pastor saluted every member of his flock, wherever he met them, and the affectionate reverence with which young and old returned the salutation, were peculiarly pleasing: it was on both sides, if a ceremony at all, the ceremony of the heart. On our return to the parsonage, the evening was passed in edifying conversation, and concluded by a French hymn, in which all the household united. The scene was truly affecting. It was not without many an effort that I tore myself from it, and hurried from *Bande la Roche*, that seat of simplicity, piety, and true Christian refinement, to resume my journey along the beaten road, and to pursue my object among scenes, which, whatever pleasures I had to expect, would suffer in the comparison with those which I had left behind me."

The excellences of Oberlin did not shield him from opposition. Some of his parishioners, who could not appreciate the wisdom of his plans, and