

pleasure, who come to my meetings and to the Craig Street Church. One young man especially, who has bought a Bible, reads it with seriousness. Another young Frenchman who had been in the Hôtel-Dieu, had a Testament burned by a nun, much to his annoyance, and since his recovery he has left Romanism and attends to the instruction of the Bible.

"I have been well received by the French immigrants I met with. At L. I gave some Savoyards a Testament. I met also with a French family who possessed a Bible, and who appeared to love the truth; for they had attended Protestant worship in France and seemed to have rejected the errors of the Church of Rome."

"THE SCRIPTURES READ BY IMMIGRANTS.—I have distributed a number of Testaments among the French immigrants. There is one family especially interested; the head of it has a school-master's certificate and reads a great deal in the Bible. I often go to see him, and can assemble at his house the members of some other families."

"In another part of the city, there is a workman, who, as soon as he comes home from work, begins to read his Testament. One night I went to see him, and he was reading to his family and neighbours. Several families among these French have entirely thrown off the yoke of Rome for the Gospel."

"At the Hôtel-Dieu I visited several Frenchmen, and had an interesting conversation with one of them. This man has had a Testament since his entering the Hospital, and said to me, 'I am very happy at having this holy Book with me, for often I think of consolations I never knew before.'

"I received a letter from a young man who says he has read all the Testament, and thanks God for having brought him out of the paganism of Rome in which he was, and made him know His Word, through one of His servants."

"DESIRE FOR THE SCRIPTURES.—An immigrant, on returning to France, was presented by a lady from Alsace with a Testament, which he received with joy, saying he had for a long time been persuaded of the errors of his Church, and wished to have that book."—*Bible Society Monthly Reporter*.

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The following letter of a soldier, who applied last November to be employed as a colporteur, is very interesting, and shows the sort of men that are being engaged in this noble work by M. Monod, the earnest and thoroughly pious agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society in France. He will not send out men as colporteurs unless he believes them to be impressed with the sacredness of the volumes they are to carry, and actuated by a real desire to spread the saving word of the living God:—

"Before explaining why I wish to circulate God's word, I must make you know who I am and what I have been in the past. In the past—that is up to the age of 22 or 23—I was a Roman Catholic, thinking myself, and looked upon by others in my parish, as the most religious, because more than any one else I attended mass, confession, processions, &c. I used to wear medals, beads, scapulars, relics. I had myself erected in a wood near the village a small rockery, upon which I had placed a statue of the Virgin, and everybody went there, several to say their prayers, and they all said I was very devoted to the Virgin."

"Some people, less fanatical and more clear-sighted than others, soon perceived, and gave me to understand, that I was nothing better than a hypocrite, and I also felt the weight of my sins. I felt that God could not be glorified by these external forms. Then, as I had often read the life of the pretended saints, I determined to imitate them, and to practise penance in order to obtain the remission of my sins, as, thought I, these saints had obtained it. Then I began fasting, repeating chaplets, and mortifying my flesh by putting small stones in my shoes and larger ones in my bed, thus suffering night and day."