

had opened my subject two men came in, in ordinary life, from the country, eagerly inquiring for the Gospels. The bookseller said he had them not; and this opened my mouth and my object; and in speaking to the men, I desired them to come in the afternoon, and they would find the object they were in quest of. This is an emblem of Cuba seeking for the word of God, whilst you are in the very act of proffering the Holy Book to it. May Cuba perform its part in the emblem! You, I am sure, will perform yours."—*Monthly Extracts of the British and Foreign Bible Society.*

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### FRANCE.

PARIS, August 6, 1837.

DEAR FRIEND AND BROTHER,—I am directed by the Committee of our Society to express to you all its gratitude for this new gift of 5,125 francs, which the Committee of the American Bible Society has been so good as to make to it. It is at a moment when your country finds itself in financial circumstances of so much difficulty that you have called to remembrance with affection a people still more distressed; for it is not temporal good of which it is deprived, but those spiritual benefits which the word of God can alone offer to it. You desire to obey the recommendation of the Apostle, "Let every one of you employ the gift which he has received for the service of others, as being good stewards of the manifold grace of God." 1 Peter, iv. 10. We thank you cordially for it, and if possible, with more gratitude still than for preceding gifts, for it is almost out of your own necessities that you have come to our succor.

It is very pleasing to us, my dear brother, to be able to send you good tidings as to the progress of the Bible cause in France. In our letter of the 6th May we communicated extracts from our Report, which since that time has been sent to you complete. But since the printing of the Report our work has made still greater progress. It is especially among the

mariners and soldiers that it extends with more rapidity than we dared to hope. The maritime authorities of the different ports and the military commanders of many cities, although Catholics, have granted their patronage and their support to our agents, instead of opposing them in their operations. We have from different parts of France letters far more encouraging than we have been accustomed heretofore to receive. The Lord has raised up friends to our cause in places where we feel the greatest want of active assistants. May we labour with faith, that the Lord may continue to be favourable to us! The Evangelical Society of France aids us much by their colporteurs, without whom we could do nothing in a multitude of villages where they penetrate with success.

A plan which occupies our attention at this time in a particular manner, is the publication of a Pocket Bible in the French language. There exists none at present, and in fact there was no need of it while the number of persons who desired to make the revealed word of God their habitual companion was very limited. But the number of those persons increases, thanks to God! and such an edition has become a real want. We are going, therefore, to undertake it.

HENRY LUTTEROTH,

*Secretary French and Foreign Bible Society.*

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### THE BLESSING OF GOD UPON THE PERUSAL OF HIS WORD.

NO. VI.

A Swiss soldier, with seven of his comrades, was conducted from Madrid to Bayonne, and there cast into prison for very heinous offences. His life had been profligate. He sent for the minister, who visited him. Two New Testaments were left with the prisoners in the name of the Bayonne Bible Society.

"In order to impress them with