

adults have been added to the Protestant Church as the result of reading this Book. A number at least equally great, who did not secede outwardly from the Romish Church, learnt, through its teaching, saving faith in a crucified Saviour, and died a blessed death, relying only on the grace of God in Christ."

Infidelity is fearfully prevalent in Germany. Says a Colporteur :

"Whether on the railways or in omnibuses, or in whatever way I come into contact with my fellow men, I feel it more difficult to know how to act. If I speak of that of which my heart is full, I meet with abuse or scoffing, scarcely ever with approval. I am often perplexed to know whether my Master would be best served by silence or by speech.

In Baden-Baden my experiences are of the same kind, only that people there go out of their way to attack me. Two cases made a deep impression on me; one was that of a pastor who had lost faith in the Christ whom it was his office to preach. It pained me all the more that I saw that he was in an advanced stage of disease.

The second case was that of a well-dressed gentleman, who came repeatedly to my stall, and kept looking into my books. He had travelled nearly over all the world, he said, but had found God nowhere. I defended my faith as best I could. 'I believe neither in Heaven nor Hell,' he said. 'And I believe in both,' I said; 'in Hell, as vanquished for me, and in Heaven, as my home; for Jesus knows both—has conquered the one, and taken possession of the other also for me.' 'Happy man!' he said, 'if you really can believe it.' I replied, 'I wish you the same happiness from the bottom of my heart.'"

Regarding Berlin some appalling facts are given, shewing the need of continued and increased exertion in circulating God's Word :

"In a population of 750,000 it was found, on two successive Sundays, that the actual number of worshippers who frequented the house of God was only 12,000, or less than two per cent. of the whole. The females were to the males in the proportion of two to one, which reduces the number of male attendants to 4,000. Dr. Wichern, in a speech delivered at the Kirchentag in Stuttgart, stated that what is true of Berlin in this respect holds good of all the large towns of Northern Germany.

The absence of religious feeling may be further gathered from the fact that out of 23,969 burials, only 3,777 were accompanied with any religious service."

More than a quarter of a million of copies of the Scriptures have, since the commencement of the present war, been circulated among the Prussian Army, in Hospitals, &c. And the Bible Society contemplates giving to every bereaved family a copy of the New Testament with the Psalms.

The total circulation of Scriptures effected in Switzerland.