

be able to occupy himself exclusively with the study of the Holy Scriptures; and what is a cause of rejoicing and of great usefulness, is, that this man, distinguished by character and education, is now writing some popular works addressed to his old co-religionists, having for their object to attract these people to the examination and deep study of the Holy Scriptures. I assure you that French Christians have gained in him a precious acquisition, and that he is one of the fruits of your colportage."

The following shows how the wise are taken in their own craftiness:—

"As regards the current year especially, the progress of your work is remarkable, and I may be permitted to mention at once a cause, which was wholly unforeseen by those who have been operating with a totally different object in view:—it is in fact the many schemes set on foot by the partizans of the new papist dogma, respecting the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin.—On all sides, even to the very smallest of the country parishes, the Bishops have ordered all their subalterns, curés, vicaires, and itinerating preachers, to prepare the people beforehand for the reception of this fresh invention of the Court of Rome. To this must be ascribed the many discourses and conferences held, the general attention awakened in regard to the subject, the many discussions which have taken place, and, alas! at times of the most profane character; the many applications for information made to our colporteurs; and finally, the redoubled activity which has occurred in the sale of the New Testaments. This fact should be published, for it surprisingly diminishes the importance of the illuminations at Lyons, Nantes, and some other towns, where the papist clergy have caused the people to crowd the streets by the dazzle of their variegated lamps, or by the discharge of their fireworks. You, have, doubtless, read the description of the fetes to which I am referring, as well as of the gigantic transparencies exhibited in the streets, bearing inscriptions such as the following: '*To Mary the Mother of the Creator*;' '*To Mary the Queen of Heaven*.' Many poor ignorant creatures have, no doubt, suffered themselves to be entrapped by the various devices which the skill of the actors has led them to invent for the occasion; but it may be safely affirmed, that the publication of this new dogma has been a matter of perfect indifference to the majority of French Catholics, and a subject of reproach and sorrow for serious men belonging to that communion. Its only interesting aspect is the one which I have just mentioned, namely, the sale of a good number of New Testaments, which have been purchased after the ringing aloud by our colporteurs of the passages which relate to the Virgin Mary."

The following communication describes the commencement of colportage operations in the camps at Boulogne. The colporteur writes:—

"On the 10th I was with the Commissary. 'Sir,' I said to him, 'I possess a document granted by the kindness of the Minister of the Interior.' On this I showed him my bookseller's license. 'I have, further, the colporteur's authorisation as required by the law; here is, besides, my passport, granted me by the authorities of the place where I reside. I shall leave the passport with you, and beg you now to furnish me, according to law, with an unlimited permission of residence in order to carry on my profession of bookseller. Finally, here are the works which I purpose selling in the neighborhood.' On this I laid on the commissary's table two copies of De Sacy's