

read it by turns. This continued till the age of fourteen, when we lost our aunt, and ceased to read the Scriptures. But later the seed thus sown brought forth fruit, and by the grace of God I am now a Bible Colporteur, and my brother, who lives in a small town where there are only two Protestants, persists in his opposition to the errors of the Church of Rome and in making profession of believing in the Word of God. If my memory did not fail I could mention numbers of cases which prove the importance of circulating the translation from the Vulgate. The time has not yet come to withdraw De Sacy's Bible without retarding the progress of the kingdom of God. De Sacy's Bible, circulated in the Borinage for the last thirty years, has not been fruitless. Throughout the environs of Charleroi, in the houses of many peasants, I find De Sacy's Bible or Testament. These people nearly all still belong to the Church of Rome, yet they tell me their cures have made incessant attempts to get their books from them. The approbations have been to them a solid argument to prove to the priests that the books must be good, and it is owing to the approbations, that many have refused to part with De Sacy's Bible, while innumerable copies of Martin's Bible have been burnt or torn up, and that in many cases for want of these very approbations. The intention of comparing Martin and De Sacy has often led to the purchase of the former. How many parishes in Belgium are there which have received with joy the preachers of the Gospel after having been prepared by the sole teaching of De Sacy's Bible!"

24,741 copies of God's Word have, during the past year, been circulated in *Holland*, being an increase of 1,056 over the sales of the previous year. During the past quarter of a century 697,045 volumes have, through the efforts of the British and Foreign Bible Society, been circulated in *Holland*. Two-fifths of its population are Jews and Roman Catholics. Among the latter, especially, efforts have been made to circulate the Word of Life. Difficulties, even dangers that beset the Colporteur of former years in his "work of faith and labor of love," are now nearly unknown. The number of these faithful laborers continues the same. Instances are again and again occurring shewing the faithfulness of the Great Promiser, "My word shall not return unto me void." Says one:

"A woman who had passed the greater part of her life in complete carelessness, and ignorance as to eternity, bought some time ago, a Bible from me; she began to read it and the more she read the more she became aware that by nature she was utterly lost. Prayerfully she continued to search the Scriptures, and at last found perfect peace for her soul in the Lord Jesus. Her heart was filled with love towards Him, and she is a living monument of God's free grace. Without doubt there are many like this woman; all the fruits of our labours are not yet known to us.

The Bibles lying in the windows of my Depot are being continually read by passers-by, and I need not tell you that these embrace all classes. Many an important conversation is the consequence, and also many dis-

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