

blouse, and with his knapsack on his back, became a man of authority, and actually put down the threatened riot; and what is still more, he ended by selling no fewer than fifty-five New Testaments among the excited populace. Such an instance may surely be mentioned among the good effects of Bible Colportage!"

The French and Foreign Bible Society have issued, during the year, 28,638 copies of the Scriptures. A letter from one of its Secretaries, to the President of the British and Foreign Bible Society, alludes to a letter from the Archbishop of Lyons, and the Encyclical address of the Pope, as documents which present a very serious obstacle to the work of the Society. "They serve," he says, "for a warning to the Clergy; and as every priest at present risks losing his parish through the holy scriptures, which threaten by various means to find their way into it, all are put upon their guard: they preach openly against the sacred volume, and recommend the people to reject it." In consequence of an appeal grounded upon these facts, and in consideration of the entire exhaustion of the funds of the French and Foreign Bible Society, the Committee of our Parent Society have granted to it £500 sterling, that the distributions might be carried on "upon a scale as extensive as the struggle, which the Archbishop and the Pope have just begun, renders desirable."

The following language of the Messieurs Courtois, of Tholouse, gentlemen who have for a long time been the warm friends of the Bible cause, is worthy of being laid before you:—"We do all in our power to help the Colporteurs whom you employ to circulate, far and wide among our countrymen, the bread of life. Every day we feel more and more that your Institution has been raised by God himself as a powerful instrument to spread living waters on a parched land; and the joy and peace, which have been the consequence to multitudes of families and