

church, which contains the ashes of the reformers, Luther and Melancthon, and on the door of which Luther fastened the Theses, now engraved in metal, that they may never fade from the memory of Protestants. Arrived at the barracks, we caused the prisoners to approach, company by company. It was interesting to hear the trumpeter assembling them with his bugle-call; and in a few hours all our portions were distributed. Several of the packets contained the Epistle to the Romans—the charter of Protestantism, that a man is justified before God, not through works, but by a living faith in the atoning death of the Redeemer. Had the great reformer been in life, and seen with what eagerness French prisoners received the Epistle to the Romans, he would have been no idle spectator, but with joy would have taken part in this great work of Christian love, and would with us have raised his heart to the God of all grace in praise and thanks for this golden opportunity of sowing the incorruptible seed of the gospel in so many eager hearts, in hope that it might bear fruit unto eternal life. From Wittenberg we proceeded to *Berlin*, the goal of our journey, in company; and I thank and praise my heavenly Father for permitting me to witness such eager desire for his holy Word among so many thousands of men who, as Romanists, might never have obtained it in their own land. Thus does our heavenly Father overrule, in his wise providence, even the evil of men unto salvation, and with his own hand carries on the thread of the history of the world and salvation unhindered, notwithstanding the wickedness of men. His name be praised for ever.

“Before, however, I break off my account of these transactions, never to be forgotten by me, permit me further to mention that my dear friend Alexander, since the outbreak of the war, has distributed for the Bible-stand 608,000 portions of the New Testament to the German Troops and French prisoners, in the German fortresses and on the theatre of war itself. Many whole Bibles and New Testaments have also been distributed where it was necessary. Besides he has sent to pious pastors and laymen, in places which he could not personally visit, as many copies as they desired; and according to the accounts, they have been almost everywhere served out.

“May pious, God-fearing Christians make this distribution of so many Scripture portions the subject of their most special prayers before the throne of grace, and pray down the blessing of God upon this precious work.”

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Don Javier De Wiedmer, a young Spaniard of excellent character and qualifications, who was engaged a few months ago by the Rev. A. Benoliel, of Cadiz, and who gave promise of much usefulness, was seized with decline in November, and died in February last.

A gentleman in the U. P. Church has made a donation of five thousand dollars for the impoverished Evangelical Churches in France.

Dr. Robb, from his dreary watch-house in Old Calabar, has at last discovered in the benighted African something worthy of imitation. “A number of men and women have for some time back been feeding themselves in retirement. As in the case of girls before marriage, they retire from all care and work, and do nothing but rest and eat, and inwardly digest. After a few months, they adorn their persons, and take a walk to and through the market and home again, attended by the young men drum-