

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION.

One of the most hopeful signs of the times is the increasing distribution of the Bible in foreign lands, as well as in our own. A colporteur recently sold 1,800 portions of Scripture in Tokio in four days. The New Testament in Japanese is selling rapidly. One distributor sold 5,500 copies in one month. Copies have been placed in the Yokohama schools by the city authorities. The Buddhist priests have taken the Bible into their course of study, with the hope of being thereby better able to oppose it. In Russia the Bible is being eagerly sought after. In the villages among the Caucasian range, 8,000 copies were disposed of in two years. The Greek priests sell large numbers of Testaments, urging their people to read them. The nuns at the Greek convents read and say "This book is life."

In sixteen years, largely in European Russia, 577,369 copies of the Bible have been disposed of. In Turkey, a colporteur sold 552 copies in four months. In Mexico, where the Bible is declared by the opposition to be the "most demoralizing work ever circulated among them," one colporteur has just ordered five large boxes. In France, says the last "Missionary Herald," the British and Foreign Bible Society has distributed 7,000 copies of the bible, entire or in part, almost wholly among Romanists. Hence the fields are now already white for the harvest. The entrance of the Word is giving light.—*Sel.*

WALK IN CHRIST'S TERRITORY.

If we are to walk with God we must go nowhere that Christ will not go. O, how many venture beyond the territory in which they ought to walk, and they wonder why they have not the enjoyments of religion! They go where Jesus will not go. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly." Christ is not there. "Nor standeth in the way of sinners." Christ is not there. If you would walk with Christ keep out of all evil company, of all evil associations; keep from all evil places—from every place where you cannot go in the spirit of Christ, and where, if He were upon earth, you might not expect to meet Him. If you go out of the territory, where He would not go, you need not expect to find Him.—*Bishop Simpson.*

A LIGHTY MYTH.

Some time since a woman delivered a lecture in Lancashire, England, against Christianity, in which she declared that the gospel narrative of the life of Christ is a myth or fable. One of the mill-hands who listened to her obtained leave to ask a question.

"The question," said he, "I want to ask the lady is this:—Thirty years ago I was a curse to this town, everybody shrank from me that had any respect for himself. I often tried to do better, but could not succeed. The tectotalers got hold of me, but I broke the pledge so often that the said it was no use trying me any longer; then the police got hold of me, and I was taken before the magistrates, and they tried; and next I was sent to prison, and the wardens tried what they could do; but though they all tried I was nothing better, but rather worse.

"Now you say that Christ is a myth, but when I tried, and the tectotalers, the police, the magistrates, and the wardens of the prisons all tried in vain, then Christ took hold of me, touched my heart and made me a new man. And now I am a member of the church, class-leader, a superintendent of the Sunday-school; and I ask, if Christ is a myth how comes it to pass that that myth is stronger than all the others' put together?"

The lady was silent.

"Nay, miss," said he; "say what you will, the gospel is the power of God unto salvation."—*Chris. Sec.*

Week-Day Religion.

A colporteur of the Board of Publication laboring in Kansas writes:

A member of the United Brethren's Church selected from my stock that excellent new book "Week-Day Religion." I said, "I cannot deliver to you the book now, as I am only taking orders to-day." He replied, "I will pay for it now, in advance. I am not afraid to trust a man who carries such books." He added, "Week-day religion is what these people need; but in this western country church members are sometimes so hard to find that you have to prove membership on them before they will acknowledge it." My experience in this matter agrees with his. In fact, there is a great need of week-day religion all over our land, as well as in our great West.