

Our extracts relate exclusively to France and Ireland, two countries peculiarly interesting to the population of Canada.

#### FRANCE.

"Our Colporteur in the department of the Doubs, who has been greatly encouraged, having sold within the last three weeks 169 copies (14 Bibles and 155 New Testaments), states, that on his reaching a small town one evening, he availed himself of an opportunity which offered for unpacking his knapsack in the general sitting-room of the inn, from whence he took two Bibles and twenty-four New Testaments, with a view to ascertain the state of the books, which he feared might have been damaged by the heavy rains which he had encountered on his journey. During the operation, three persons, who had just finished taking some refreshments, attracted by curiosity drew near, and seeing his books began to turn them over. One, who gave himself the airs of a knowing one, exclaimed against them, as being bad books, and branded as such by the Curés. 'Away with you for a heretic,' cried he, 'you have betrayed yourself!' The Colporteur, in reply to this strange address, mildly inquired what right he had to denounce his occupation and to vilify the books, which he civilly offered for sale, without being at all acquainted with their contents. A very animated discussion then took place, which at length attracted the notice of a number of persons of different ages, who were engaged at billiards in an adjoining apartment, and who now crowded around the others, anxious to learn the cause of their dispute. Our friend was enabled to reply to the objections of his opponent with so much earnestness and power, that what he said carried conviction to the minds of his hearers, who all declared themselves on his side. The scene was not a little singular. Twenty-eight individuals, including the Colporteur and his objector, might be seen, each with a copy of the Sacred Volume in his hand, anxiously looking out the passages which the Colporteur referred to, as tending to verify the saving doctrines of the Gospel. Nor was the conclusion of the whole less remarkable, when the actors in the scene refused to separate without being permitted to carry off each a copy of that Book which had helped to impose silence on the objector; so that our agent was speedily eased of his whole stock of the before-mentioned two Bibles and twenty-four Testaments.

"The same Colporteur succeeded in selling twenty-five New Testaments in the course of a few minutes, at a town belonging to the same department and the following is an extract from his journal in reference to that circumstance:—

"Passing by the barracks, I saw several soldiers standing at the gates, and lost no time in advancing towards them and tendering copies of the New Testament for sale. They crowded around me, and at my suggestion two or three purchased a copy each, and withdrew into the barracks, telling me they would soon send me fresh customers. Accordingly, after waiting a few minutes, several soldiers came out and seizing hold of my books, of the character of which their comrades had briefly apprised them, twenty-two purchased the Sacred Volume. This occurred in the manner which I shall briefly relate. On my first addressing the soldiers in my customary way, one of them spoke loudly in favour of what I said, and added,— 'Well, comrades, as there are pious persons who take an interest in us soldiers, let us show that we are not indifferent to their benevolent intentions; let all do as I do. I shall purchase a New Testament.' 'I too—I too,' cried twenty other soldiers in succession. 'Alas!' cried one, 'I would gladly do so also, but I have not a sou left!' 'Never mind that,' exclaimed a young quarter-master, who happened to be present, 'here is the money, and you can return it the first time you receive your pay.' Another young soldier said to me, at parting, 'Oh, if my worthy grandmother only knew that I had become possessed of the Sacred Volume, how delighted would she be;—for the burden of all her letters to me is to entreat me to serve and love God!'

"In another place, one of our Agents was entering an apparently respectable house for the purpose of offering his books to the inmates. 'Hold there!' all at once cried out the owner of the house, 'for know that I am the mayor; and let me

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