

the stations where "our friends, the Turcos" are interned, in order to converse with those degraded men in their own tongue about Christianity, and to distribute Arabic New Testaments and tracts among them.

"Wherever he came he was cordially received by them. Here, in Stettin, he found thirty of them who could read, and they all very gladly accepted the New Testament, and Christian tracts besides. Nay, so much were they surprised and delighted with his visit, that he had to drink coffee with them. I accompanied my colleague to the garrison hospital, where one of these unfortunates lay, who had lost a leg by a railway accident. Here he had already been lying for weeks together in the severest pain, and had found no one to whom he could utter his complaint, because there was no one here that understood his language. It was a striking sight to see the joy of this unfortunate beam from his dark face, when quite unexpectedly my colleague greeted him with a friendly 'saalem.' He listened eagerly to the words of my friend, received with lively attention the good news of the suffering of the Son of Man upon the cross for our sins; and his black eyes sparkling and beaming with delight, and his frequent nods of assent, betokened the beneficent effect of the divine balsam on the suffering soul. Unfortunately he could not read, but begged for a tract, that when he leaves the hospital he may get it read to him by one of his comrades. The world may call them 'wild hordes from Africa,' and certainly many of them have a tiger-nature; but just in this does Christianity prove its heavenly origin, that in the presence of the Lamb of God, who bears the sin of the world, even such a tiger nature acquires the gentleness and mildness of the lamb.

"I was soon gladdened by another like visit. My old friend Alexander, of the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, found even that great structure too narrow for him in these times of commotion. His Bible-stand, called into being by pious British Christians at the first Exhibition in 1851, had undertaken the work of distributing portions of the New Testament in all languages, gratis, according to our Divine Master's words, 'Freely ye have received, freely give.' If many English traders are sending weapons to the French, to fight the Protestant Germans, the Bible-stand has taken in hand, as its truly Christian mission, to provide the combatants with the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, that they may therewith fight against their own warlike and other sinful passions, and through the entrance of the Prince of Peace into their hearts, may learn to love and pursue peace. Friend Alexander, commissioned by the Bible-stand, has visited the whole theatre of war. He was in Alsace and Lorraine, and also at head-quarters at Versailles. Everywhere the higher Prussian officers, nay, even the King and the Ministers of War, gave all the encouragement and support in their power to this enterprise. The King personally expressed his joy at it, and Von Roon, the Minister of War, authorized him to distribute without hindrance the New Testament among the French interned in Prussia; and as they are mostly kept in the fortresses, he was led to visit, in the course of his Christian mission, our fortress here, too, where there are about 16,000 prisoners. I accompanied him to Posen, Glogau, Dresden, Leipzig, from whence we directed our course to the little fortress of *Wittemberg*, a place dear to the memory of every good Protestant; for here it was that Luther kindled a fire that will never be extinguished. In this place there were about 6000 French prisoners. Unfortunately my friend was unwell, so that, accompanied by one of the ministers of the place, I undertook the distribution. On our way to the barracks we passed the castle