

he said this he was affected to tears, at the thought no doubt, of death and his want of preparation for it. I assured him the whole of the Bible was true, that the blood of Jesus Christ alone cleanses from all sin, I told him to go to Jesus just as he was and that he would be received.

VAIN OPPOSITION.—Although the enemy often succeeds in destroying the good seed of the Word, which we endeavour to sow, yet in some cases it remains and produces fruit. I lately went into a house at St. A—— where I had sold a Testament on a former visit. The woman of the house said “the priest had preached against my books that they were evil, and that several persons had burned those they had received.” I asked if she had still the Testament I had lent her, “Oh yes, sir” she said. “The priest tried to take it from me saying it was a dangerous book, but as I found nothing in it of that character, I did not give it up, but read it as often as possible.”

ROME NOT ABLE TO GIVE PEACE.—At S. P—— I had a long conversation on religious subjects, with the master of the house where I was lodging, during which he related the following anecdote. “During the winter my neighbour became very ill, he sent for me and requested me to go for the priest, although the latter had a few days before administered to him the Sacrament. In vain I represented to him that the weather was cold and the roads bad; he insisted so much on having the priest, that I went and only arrived at his house very late in the night. The priest much astonished at seeing me at that hour and in such weather, asked me the reason of my visit, I told him my neighbour was in great anxiety, and earnestly desired the Sacrament before dying. ‘The man must have lost his senses’ replied the priest, ‘to ask me to visit him in such weather,’ ‘go your way and tell him I cannot carry him the host, for out of the church it can only be partaken of once, every eight days.’ “But I answered, the man has no peace in his soul, and if he should die in this state, what would happen to him?” ‘Don’t be anxious on that point’ replied the priest ‘tell him not to distress himself about his soul’s salvation, for I will answer for everthing.’ “I returned to the bedside of my sick friend, and told him what the priest had charged me with, but nothing could calm his mind, and to the priest’s promises that he would answer for his soul’s safety, he added ‘yes, that is all very well if God who is to be our Judge, will accept him thus: but if it should be otherwise, and I should be taken away, what will become of me?’” At the close a long conversation ensued on the Sacrament and prayer and my remarks, though pretty bold, were favourably received.

JESUS ATTRACTS.—In a room I showed my tracts and papers, and as I came to “Eric and the wolves” the man exclaimed “That is a story from my country.” He was a Russian, and it seemed to do him good to hear once more the name of his Fatherland and the story of a brave countryman. We had a long conversation, during which I turned his thoughts towards the Heavenly Fatherland, and the Brave of all braves the Lord Jesus Christ, both he and his wife listened with great attention. I left them a few tracts as they had no money then to buy any. I lent a Testament to a Swiss who was in the Hospital with fever, and who desired to see me. Every time I called, I read a chapter with him showing at the same time those passages most suited to his condition, I also gave him a number of tracts, and when he left the Hospital, as he was without home or money, I obtained his admission to the House of Refuge.

A young Frenchman, an emigrant, came to my house sick, and I obtained his admission to the Hospital. He told me he was a Papist by birth, but did not believe in the teachings of that church and had been several times in a Protestant church. I gave him a Testament and some tracts, which he received with gratitude. In the Hospital he registered himself as a Protestant, I hope if cured he will attend our church. May God bless our efforts.