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## HOW PEACE CAME.

In the autumn of 1893-a colporteur was climbing the woody hills of Galicia. He found in one of the huts a young forester whose leg had been crushed by the falling of a tree, and amputated: probably with the rude surgery of the nearest village. He was in mental as well as bodily agony—is it an easy thing for youth, in the prime of earliest manhood, in the fullness of strength, in the dawn of ambition and of love, to turn from them all in a moment and enter the shadowy house of pain? The kind stranger spake to him of the only source of comfort, and read with him some of the words of divine peace. But the sympathy seemed to have come to soon the wound was too recent; and though at length he consented to have a Bible, his Learing was hopeless and defiant.

A year passed, and once again the colporteur found himself climbing the wooded path he had climbed before. The scent of the pines, the hush of the forest, the clang at intervals of the distant ax, were all as they had been then. He entered the hut, and at the table, in an invalid chair, but wasted almost beyond recognition, he saw his friend. In that weary year the glory of youth had vanished, the pomps of human life had been hurried from the stage, the last shadow was un folding itself and about to fall. He was absorbed in reading; and the colporteur noticed, with a strange awe, that he was studying the volume he had sold him a year before. His head at length was slowly lifted; the faded and sunken eye could not at first recognize the stranger, but in a moment there shone in his face a light as if from heaven.

"And then," writes the colporteur, "he addressed me in words like these: 'I cannot express my gratitude that you brought me this Bible and thus led me to God. You gave yourself much trouble when you saw me in my misery to induce me to buy the Scriptures. This is my only comfort, and I am happy, though I suffer fearfully. Since you were here my pain has greatly increased, but I am comforted, for I have found my Saviour who so tenderly loveth all the heavy laden. I came to feel how miserable I was through my unbelief, but since I have known Jesus Christ I bear the load He laid on me. In His word I find comfort and salvation.' "I cannot tell," the colporteur adds, "what I felt. When the poor suffer r mentioned the Saviour's name his care worn face beamed with joy.

A week later I returned, but the Lord had meanwhile taken the afflicted one home. His parents told me that during the last three days he repeatedly said, 'Ilong to die and be with the Lord.' His last word was, 'Lord Jesus!'"

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