

the past year as compared with the preceding to the amount of \$3,174, the total receipts for the year being \$13,772. The total expenditure has been \$15,275, leaving balance due to the Treasurer of \$1,503, being \$500 less than the balance due the preceding year.

We should be glad to transfer to our pages various extracts from the journals of the missionaries and Colporteurs, but our space will not allow of lengthened extracts. We add two extracts, one showing the favourable disposition on the part of the people in many places, and another showing the opposition which is sometimes offered to them :—

EXTRACTS FROM THE JOURNALS OF MR. RICHARDS.

* In the village of S. A.—I visited a family who took a great pleasure in listening to me; both husband and wife said they liked much to hear about the Gospel, and expressed their desire to visit me. While I was speaking to them, a little girl listened to me with great attention. Finding that she went to school and could read very well, I put my hand on her head and commended her diligence. To encourage her I gave her a beautiful little Testament, for which she thanked me. The husband brought a Bible to me from another room and desired me to read to them. The Cure said it was a good book but would not read it to them because it contained many things they could not understand. "But this is no reason why we should not read it," said he, "for although we are not educated people we are not yet fools." I believe those people are prepared to receive the gospel. They accepted some tracts and wished me to visit them again.

The Cure of L. strongly exhorted his parishioners lately from the pulpit to have no intercourse with us, for our intention was to overturn their religion. On going out of the church many of the people who knew us well openly testified their indignation at such a discourse on the part of the priest, saying that it would not be the priest who would prevent them from keeping intercourse with Mr. Richard's people. "Their religion is as good as ours, if it is not better."

The same Cure of L. told his parishioners from the pulpit not to accept of the books which the Colporteurs offered them, but to burn them instantly before their faces. The young girl who told me this, while wishing to follow the counsel of the priest, yet asked me to read a Tract to her, called the "Lawyer and the Merchant." She said it was very fine but she would not accept of it.

Everywhere the priests make great efforts against us and this makes the work of evangelization very difficult, nevertheless I am able from time to time to dispose of copies of the Scripture and to distribute Tracts.

In R. I found a family with whom I passed a pleasant evening, who are all well disposed to the gospel and will soon I hope leave the Roman Catholic Church.

EXTRACT FROM THE JOURNAL OF MR. AMARON.

I found myself in the house with a priest of—. On entering he shook hands with all present but myself. I believe he had cast his eyes on the books that were in my bag and knew who I was. I asked him if the Testament which I presented to him was good or not, and pressing him to show me where it was bad. He said, "Is it approved?" I showed him the approbation of Sacy. Then he said the book was not complete, that it did not contain the Old Testament. He asked me if I had the Bible. I replied that I had it not with me but at my house. He then recommended the people not to take my books, and to burn them if they had any. I said to them that the Jews had Crucified the Lord Jesus Christ and that those who burned his Word had the same spirit. He replied, "I am safe." On the following Sabbath this priest preached against me saying that there had been among the people one who pretended to preach the Gospel and to *understand it*. while he who had been