

thought to himself, It will do me no harm, and I am curious to know what the foundation is of this Christian faith. I am sure it will not make me a worse Jew, and certainly will not draw me away from the faith of my forefathers.' However God's thoughts were different. As he read the book, and read again, and kept on reading half his nights, the desire grew upon him to know more of this Jesus of whom the book was full. His rest of mind was gone, and however much he struggled against the thought of becoming a Christian, he could withstand no longer. He went to a Christian minister, and after receiving further instruction, he was baptised. This, however, was the beginning of troubles to him. The report of his conversion soon spread and reached his parents, who immediately cast him off. Meanwhile his wife's endeavours to get him free had succeeded, and he hastened home. Great as was the joy of the meeting it was mixed with bitterness, for the news of his baptism had preceded him here also. His wife's father insisted on immediate separation, and on her objecting to this he cursed both her and him, and the mother-in-law, who had taken the daughter's part, had much to bear for her sake day by day. But the man stood firm, and joyfully bore the burden of the cross. Thus his unrelenting father-in-law gave him no rest, and unmercifully persecuted him until he was a ruined man. He now works as a day labourer in a lime-kiln, and puts up with dry bread in order to bring home all his earnings to his wife and children, and these cleave to him with exemplary affection and constancy. I had myself an opportunity of visiting this couple. The wife said to me, 'He has shared his riches with me: how could I leave him in his poverty?' She is not yet baptised, but in her heart she is a Christian already.

Much more of a similar kind might be recorded, but Mr. Millard refrains from further detail, and brings his able and comprehensive report to a close with some observations connected with the Exhibition proposed to be held in Vienna in the succeeding year.

This scheme has not escaped the notice of your Committee, and one of their number has kindly undertaken to visit Vienna, at his own expense, in company with his son-in-law, with a view of devising the best means for attaining the object which they have in view. Where art and science and industry combine to exhibit the skill and ingenuity of man, they wish to bear their testimony to the goodness and mercy of God in allowing His Word to be reproduced in so many languages and scattered in such profusion throughout the world. They desire also to effect a large distribution of the Scriptures among the many thousands who will be gathered together at this centre from every clime, and to this end they invite special contributions.—*Annual Report of Parent Society.*

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Mr. Millard, the Society's Agent at Vienna, has an immense district over which his labours range. As opportunity allows, he travels from point to point, to ascertain from personal observation and intercourse with others how the work proceeds, and to judge what new movements may be attempted for its further development. He has lately been in Bohemia, the Tyrol, and elsewhere, and he communicates his impressions as to the actual state and prospects of Bible circulation in various sections of the Austrian Empire. The enemies of Truth are as hostile as ever, fierce and unscrupulous in their denunciation of the efforts of the Society. But there are signs of enlightenment here and there—more independence of mind—less willingness to be abjectly ruled by priestly dictation and menace. Consequently Mr. Millard can report progress, and intimates that in every direction there is a growing circulation of the Divine Word. The following letter is written in a tone of grateful cheerfulness, on a calm survey of what is wrought:—

"Time runs so fast, and the daily pressure of work is so great, that I find