

Seven Colporteurs have been employed. One of these, an old man, after selling the Scriptures all day, spends his evenings in trying to explain, to those who purchase them, the way of life. He keeps a Depot, from the window of which he exposes the Scriptures to view, and a widow lady pays the expense of lighting the window with gas, that in the dark evenings any who wish to read may have the opportunity. In some parts of Holland opposition is manifested; and, strange to say, at the Amsterdam Exhibition permission was not given for the admission of the Scriptures. Regarding this fact the Committee say:

"The promoters of a Bible and Tract Depot at the Amsterdam Exhibition applied to your Committee not only for a liberal discount on the Scriptures purchased by them, which was freely granted, but for a free grant of Testaments in English, Dutch, French and German, to be placed in the rooms provided for the working men who might come from other countries to see the Exhibition. The books were forwarded to their destination without loss of time; but it was not long before Mr. Van der Bom wrote to say that they had been returned to him, as the Directors of the Exhibition refused to allow them a place in the rooms for which they were intended. Generations have passed away since the cry was heard—'Away with him, away with him! crucify him! crucify him!' but the same spirit exists still; it then denounced the Master of the House as Beelzebub; it now vents itself against those of His household, when they strive to make known His kingdom and to perpetuate the invitations and promises of His glorious Gospel."

In no part of Europe is the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society carried on more extensively than in *Germany*. The field is large. Referring to its extent and population the Report says:

"Its superficial area extends over 223,000 square miles, and it contains a population of 42,500,000 souls. In the South the States contain a population wholly German; in the North-German Confederation there are to be found Czechs, Danes, Dutch, Flemings, Jews, Lithuanians, Poles, and Wends; whilst French, Romanese, Germans, and Italians are the inhabitants of Switzerland. For all these different nationalities your Society has provided either the whole Bible or some integral portion of it in their native tongues. Of the vast multitude included within this extended area, about 27,000,000 are Protestants, 11,000,000 Roman Catholics, and 460,000 Jews; and though in Germany, as in England, Rome has for some years past made a boast of the number and rank of her converts, yet official returns clearly show that if this progress ever existed the tide has now turned in favour of Protestantism, and error and superstition are receding before the onward march of Truth.

The circulation of the past year throughout the entire agency has amounted to 46,299 Bibles, 202,248 Testaments, and 24,043 Portions, making a total of 322,590 copies. Such a result is both gratifying and

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