

that I found the place where some had got across ; but it was two hundred feet wide instead of sixty, and the water about five feet deep. I went to work to make a float. I could get nothing but oak. I worked all day at it, and when it was made a little before sunset, I took my waggon-box which I thought would help to float. I took my biggest box of Bibles first, which weighs about two hundred pounds, and tried to go across. But the current was so strong that I was driven down. The waggon-box was getting full of water and was sinking, when I got to a small island where I could stop my float. Then I took my box of books off on the island and found a few of my Bibles damaged. Then I had to tear one of my shirts and the lining of my coat to fill the cracks of my waggon so that it would keep the water out. I succeeded in getting back to the shore about dark. I intended to make another float and try again the next day ; but I saw that I could not get my horse over even if I had my other things across, so I had to go back to Turtle Mountain to get help to cross that river. In September I only sold eight Bibles and twenty-five Testaments ; in October I sold fifty-nine Bibles and seventy-two Testaments."

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#### EXTRACTS FROM BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE REPORT.

##### FRANCE.

The past year, observes your Agent, M. Gustave Monod, has seemed "like the dawning of a fine day. Not only our colporteurs, but all those who are actively engaged in the evangelisation of France, have worked with complete liberty." A strong wave of anticlerical feeling is passing over the land, and the result in many places is seen in a new willingness to welcome the Gospel.

The following are a few extracts from the diary of the chalet at the Exhibition :—

Four ladies passing received each a Gospel ; a moment afterwards they came back, and returned them indignantly, saying : " We will have nothing to do with these Jesuitical books." I explained that we Protestants did not circulate Jesuitical books " What ! are you Protestants ? " they exclaimed, " then we are good friends. Pray, give us the books back, and many thanks to you ; but we hate Jesuits."

A Roman Catholic priest paid us a long visit and, after a very serious conversation, bade us not to say that he had come, and especially not that he had admitted many of the ceremonies of his Church to be little better than paganism.

A man who was observed coming every day to read our Bibles exposed in the window, has been invited to enter the chalet, and read at his leisure as long as he likes. 51,120 copies of the Gospels have been given this month (September) from the chalet.

A person called at the chalet to say that her little girl had received a Gospel, which they had been reading at home with such interest that she wanted to buy two Testaments.

Leaflets with some of the most precious texts were provided, *us specimens* of type, in nine principal languages ; and a small plan was made, shewing the way to the chalet outside the grounds. It was of this last that one of the Paris papers spoke in the following terms :

" We must refer to a masterpiece which the French clerical propaganda