

As, however, a few, of the many, evidences which might be mentioned, of the noble work of the Society will better help all to understand its work of love, we will commence with LA BELLE FRANCE, the first country brought before our notice. How beautiful with her strength renewed—her faith more firmly centred on the King in his beauty. Whilst getting back her former wealth, she is gradually gaining possession of the true riches as set forth by the word of God. Its leavening power is being felt as is clear from the united reports of the band of Colporteurs employed in that Country. They in substance state that the strongholds are slowly, but surely, being stormed. *Badajoz* did not succumb at the first or second assault, no more can the friends of Jesus expect that FRANCE will adopt "a new religion in a day". The fact, however, that the circulation of God's word by the band of Colporteurs, and the various depots amounts to 99,826 copies, being upwards of 4000 more than last year, is a sufficient guarantee that the good work is progressing. The influence of so many copies of God's truth must be felt.

In the Netherlands, known as BELGIUM and HOLLAND, God's work is gaining ground. In BELGIUM the Evangelical salt is only able to put a stop to the corruption which would otherwise set in. With a perfect knowledge that the difficulties are great, men have been found willing to go forth with the Word of God—"it shall not return unto him void." When we review the work done in HOLLAND there is good ground for encouragement. The small, but noble-hearted, band of colporteurs have succeeded in scattering nearly 3,000 copies more of God's Word this year than last. May God bless their work. The whole number issued in Holland is 44,027, and the local contribution £97, 6, 9.

There is much to cheer one when the *Fatherland* is brought before our notice. Evidences of good work are manifested. The number of Sunday Schools in GERMANY in 1856 was very small, but last year how changed! There were 1300 Sunday Schools, with a band of 5,000 teachers and 100,000 scholars. *And what is one of the consequences?* God's Word in various forms has been more widely circulated—an evidence of Religious Life in the Nation—a realization of the German proverb which in English reads thus, "Where there is no Bible in the house, there the Lord does not like to dwell, but Satan comes freely in and out." Notwithstanding Commercial depression—ecclesiastical strife—atheistical socialism, the *power* of "it is written" has been felt. "What saith the Scriptures" has led to the largest circulation yet known. £500 stg. or nearly \$2,500, worth more than last year have been sold. Also donations and subscriptions to the amount of £297. 19. 11 have been given. The whole receipts for 1877 amount to £11,781. 2. 6. It may not be amiss to state that Rev. G. P. Davies when writing of FRENCH SPEAKING LORRAINE states! "In Metz I found one of the Ministers who, in preparing his pupils for Confirmation, makes use regularly of the reports and work of

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