

sole means of the dissemination of the Word of God. That I was well received in almost every house was frequently owing to the fact that a friendly Colporteur had been there, perhaps years ago, before me, and that his visit had never been forgotten. I will then conclude by repeating that if some amount of good has been accomplished, it is due to the work of various Colporteurs who have laboured here, and not to the efforts of one only."

Among the military Bible circulation seems progressing.

"The Colporteur who visits the camp of S——, writes as follows:—The Lord has granted me much encouragement during February, and more particularly among the officers. While in one of the *cafes* which are frequented by the officers, the other day, as soon as I had laid out my books on one of the tables, the lieutenant-colonel of the regiment came up to me, and, taking a chair, sat down opposite to me, and in a very friendly tone asked me a number of questions. In the first place he asked what Society it was that employed me? What was its real object in seeking to distribute the Scriptures? How the Society obtained the funds necessary to to meet its expenses? All this was asked in a tone of kindly interest, and after each of my replies, he exclaimed, "Bravo! bravo! This is indeed true Christianity, or, I should say, these gentlemen must really be excellent Christians." While we were thus conversing, the lieutenant-colonel carefully examined all the volumes which I had placed upon the table, and bought a German Bible of Luther, for the purpose, as he said, of comparing it with one of Ostervald's translation, which he had purchased of me some time previously. He asked me to get him a pair of scissors to cut out the two title pages which contained the name of Luther, in order that he might take the volume home and use it without the risk of scandalizing his family, all the members of which are Roman Catholics. While taking out the title-page of the New Testament, I reminded him that he was also taking away the list of the books, with the number of the chapters, but to this he replied that he did not require any such list, for that he knew by heart nearly the whole of the Bible in French. The other officers who were in the room appeared to take much interest in the proceedings of their lieutenant-colonel, and on his leaving, several of them came up to me for the purpose of thoroughly examining my copies, and of asking a host of questions of me. One captain, who had not heard what I had been stating about the Bible Society, remarked, "It is doubtless the Holy Father who gives you a good allowance on the sales which you effect for him." "Sir," was my reply, "the Pope does not trouble himself about distributing the Scriptures, but it does trouble him very much to see them distributed by the Bible Societies," and on this I furnished some details respecting the Society by which I was employed. "Indeed, if that is the case," exclaimed the captain, "I too will buy a Bible of you." He thereupon took up one of the large Bibles of Ostervald, which he placed under his arm, paid me the price, and went away, evidently pleased with his purchase."

Many of the soldiers are imperfect readers. Not unfrequently the Colporteur, after circulating the Scriptures throughout the day, spends the evening with the soldiers in the social reading of the Word of God. The Agent says:

"I will here simply mention a very interesting peculiarity of the work