

spell-bound by the fascinations of his touching and persuasive eloquence, urged his hearers to fall back upon the Bible as the true and immutable safeguard of society in view of all dangers. "Leave us our Bible," exclaimed Father Hyacinthe, with impassioned fervour. "Leave us our old Bible for our children to spell—the Bible which created the printing press—the Bible which civilized Europe. Leave us our Bible as Frenchmen and as Catholics." This is just what the Bible Society is seeking to effect by all legitimate means. And the Agent, while seeing dark clouds looming in the horizon of the future, which cannot fail to awaken uneasiness and perplexity, discerns also much to strengthen faith and animate to more vigorous zeal. He believes that Popery is continually losing ground, that religious movements are becoming clearly defined in many parts of the country, and that the long season of seed-sowing in which the Society have been engaged must, ere long, be followed by a prolific and rejoicing harvest-time.

The issues in HOLLAND during the past year have amounted to 24,183 copies. This country has been visited during that period by both the cattle plague and the cholera; and amid the blight and pestilence upon both man and beast, the hearts of the afflicted could only be soothed by an appeal to the God of the Bible, by whose mysterious agency these judgements had come upon them.

GERMANY has exhibited scenes of the deepest interest during the past year. A short but most sanguinary war was waged throughout its whole extent, and its victims included all the races embraced within its extensive territories. Here was a wide field for Christian effort, and the agents of the Society and the Colporteurs were not slow to avail themselves of it; and on the field of battle, as well as in the camp, and the hospital, their benevolent labours were conspicuous. The

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