

about what was in it. But the lawyer answered, 'I have none, I don't want one, and I will not have one. Do not think I am a fanatic, I am a free thinker.'

*Van Helden* :—Excuse me, but I think you are mistaken in what you say.

*Lawyer* :—What, do you mean that I do not speak the truth?

*Van Helden* :—I mean that you cannot really be a free thinker, you have an immortal soul. Can you think freely of the day when you will have to render an account to God of all you have done and left undone? Can you calmly think that you will die like any animal, and then that all will be over? You are not a free thinker, but I am. I am not afraid to think of these things, and it is this book which teaches me, what I can confidently hope for, when I am called away from this world. I then spoke to him of our state of sinfulness, and of our redemption through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. The lawyer arose to leave, saying that he did not trouble himself about religion, but one of his friends said, You must not go away like that, this man has told us how he considers himself a real free thinker; now give us your views about free thinking, and we will be able to judge between you. The lawyer only repeated what he had before said, and his friend, who is also a lawyer, said, If that is how you defend your cause, I hope always to have you on the other side. I should be sure to gain my cause, even if it were a bad one. The lawyer went away, but his friend bought several New Testaments.

The total issues from the Amsterdam Depot in Holland was 29,728. Since 1844 there have been 805,071 copies of the Scriptures disposed of by the Agency. There are some very zealous friends of the Bible in Holland. One Lady has for years paid the expense of a light in a Colporteur's window beside an open Bible—many crowd round the window to read. This Colporteur has been the means of leading more than forty Roman Catholics to the truth as it is in Jesus.

Bible circulation in Germany has, as it might have been expected, fallen off during the past year, still 618,-