

some facts, it will be with the hope that these will whet your appetite for more, and make you desirous of seeing and reading the original document itself.

France is first presented to our view. In that country, the zealous De Pressensè has accomplished much. He has in his employment 110 Colporteurs, seven-eighths of whom know what it is to be delivered from the bondage of the Romish superstition. Through means of these humble labourers, 111,581 copies of the sacred Scriptures have been put into circulation, during the past year, besides 16,552, which have been otherwise disposed of; and one remarkable feature in this circulation is, that only 20 of that great number of copies have been given gratuitously. "Assuredly," says Pressensè, "the work of a Bible Society is glorious, when the Lord is pleased to bless it, as he blesses that of your Society in France." The Colporteurs, your Committee find, have many difficulties to encounter in the prosecution of their labour; nay, some of them have been beaten, and others maltreated and insulted; and yet, so confident are they of the goodness of their cause, and so upheld by Divine support, that in place of receding, they animate one another, and exclaim, "Advance! advance! the Lord is with us, and who then can be against us!" The opposition they meet with is chiefly from the Roman Priests, and such as are instigated by them. "Never, do I think," says Pressensè, "has the opposition of the Romish clergy been more violent than it is at the present juncture." Various statements might be presented to you illustrative of this opposition; but your Committee prefer making two or three quotations, in proof of the great good which Bible distribution, by means of Colportage, is accomplishing in France:

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