

from other sources, and in indirect ways, that I have learned what their hardships have been. It is due to them to say that they have fully shared the hardships of the soldier in the field. The soldier's danger is certainly greater, but the dangers our men have cheerfully incurred have been far from considerable. They are far away from home; many of them are men advanced in life. Almost all of them are married. They march in the enemy's land unarmed and deprived of all efficient protection. They too, have their "forced marches;" often the hard earth for their only bed—straw is a luxury. They are to be seen with the healthy soldiers not only in camps and garrisons, but also on the eve of, and even during, their battles. They enter the lazarets where infectious diseases are raging, without a thought of themselves, not counting their life dear. They cook their own food, often without salt or any means of making it savory; they mend their own clothes and shoes (the former callings of some of them in this point rendering good service), they wash their own linen, and sacrifice every idea of comfort. Erhardt readily consented to give up his proper work of colportage, which is very dear to his heart, to become the driver of our Bible waggon and the groom of our horse. One of the depositaries, during thirty nights, spent twenty-three out of bed. But, on the other hand, God blesses them. They have often to endure insult and reviling, it is true; but, on the whole, we may say that they are everywhere received with open arms,—in the Hospitals, and by the sick and wounded, with warm manifestations of joy. On the 1st of December, Mr. Henry Hieronimus, and senior colporteur Weiser joined Mr. Beringer, bringing with them 120 cases of Scriptures. By the 31st of December, Mr. Beringer reported that all the cases were empty, and that a few hundred copies constituted the whole of their remaining stock. Under these circumstances, the whole staff of our Paris colporteurs, with the exception of two who remain to keep possession of the dépôt and take care of the horse, have obtained leave to return to Germany for a fortnight to rest, to repair their clothes, to visit their families, and then the majority of them will return, Mr. Henry Hieronimus meanwhile bringing another railway van full of stock to replenish the Lagny dépôt."

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THE REV. ALBERT BARNES.—Not only has the American Church been called to suffer a heavy loss in the recent death of the Rev. Albert Barnes, but in every land in which the English language is spoken will the loss be felt. Few Commentators are more extensively known than he, or their biblical works more extensively read than his. A marvel of industry, he laboured as few men could do, during the forty-four years of his ministry, forty of which were employed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. It has been stated as an evidence of his energy and industry that of the many volumes which his masterly pen produced "all were written before breakfast." He was diligent to the last, and died in the vineyard, and at work in the vineyard. How singularly beautiful, though sudden, his departure. On the day of his death, the 24th December, "he had walked with his daughter about a mile to call on an afflicted family; and, on sitting down, expired in his chair,"—quietly going hence to keep the Feast with Christ himself. He died in Philadelphia, at the advanced age of seventy-two.