

in the fact that he lives as no man before or after him in the heart of the German people. A more telling illustration of this truth could not be imagined than the tears of these three German women on seeing and touching this old folio Bible.

Nor was enthusiasm all. The success was unexampled in the history of similar efforts in the whole district of the Frankfort Agency. In these two days Weiser and Messer sold at their table 68 Bibles, 520 New Testaments, and 271 Gospels, Epistles, and Psalms; in all, 859 copies, while their receipts amounted to £16 13s. 4d. May this outward success be but the earnest of the inward blessing with which the work of this day may be accompanied by the Spirit of God!"

Mr. Davis meets the Colporteurs at regular intervals for prayer and consultation. Some of these meetings are intensely interesting. Take a specimen:

"Colporteur Vosberg was alone with me. After I had questioned him concerning his relations to the Government and the Church, as well as the business aspects of his work, and found that all went smoothly, I said, 'Well, Vosberg, you have told me the bright side of your experience, now for its dark side. What are your difficulties?' 'I have none,' he said, 'or rather, when they occur, I tell them to my Lord, and I forget them.' 'But surely,' I said, 'you have men who hate you for your work's sake.' 'Possibly,' he said, 'but I always try to forget their hatred, for I am sure I love them for my Master's sake, and I thus beat them in the long run. Indeed, I am not so much discouraged by opposition as humbled by kindness. Rich and poor open me their hearts and their houses on account of the Holy Book I bring. For example: a poor old man and his wife, who had little better than straw to offer, pressed me to lodge with them, and I did. Their fare was of the simplest kind, but, such as it was, they gave it with a willing heart, and spared no pains to make me comfortable. Our only conflict was when I left. I wanted to pay; they refused payment. At last we made a compromise, by agreeing that the money should neither be kept by me nor received by them, but given to the poor.

'Another old man to whom I came, a grey-haired patriarch, who knew and loved his Bible, when he saw my Books and heard their price, folded his hands reverentially and said, 'I thank thee, O Lord, that I have lived to see this day, when Thy Holy Word is thus made accessible to the poorest of mankind.'

'Another time, when I was working among the labourers of what is called a 'turf colony,' two farmers invited me to lodge with them. One of them, a wealthy man, between thirty and thirty-five years of age, pressed me so warmly that I accepted his invitation. Nothing that he had was too good for me: not that he had reason to love me, but abundant reason to love the Book I sell, for that Book had done everything for him. He was young, and rich, and gay; not a dissipated man, but the soul of jovial company, and the village inn missed him much when he was absent of an evening. One day he was looking after his men, when he saw the leaf of a book on the field. He picked it up. It was the leaf of a Bible. He read it. He believed it. He read the Book to which it belonged, and God blessed that leaf to the conversion of his soul. Now he rules his house as a believer, and throws it freely open to the children of God in Christian hospitality."

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