

benefit of every one. 'But,' added she, 'I have already derived profit from this work; and both myself and mine have been much benefitted by it.' Then, going to a cupboard, she took out a New Testament of Ostervald in 12mo, which had been so much used, that it was almost falling to pieces. On opening it in several places, I saw that numbers of passages were underlined; and I must own that I was really pleased to see this. 'Your book has been well used,' I said to the woman, 'and ere long, if I dared, I would advise you to buy a copy of the whole Bible; but I know how hard the times are.' On this she eagerly interrupted me by exclaiming: 'Have you, then, really, the whole Bible? Oh, how long we have been wishing to have it? But what you just said makes me think that it must be a very expensive book. . . . 'It costs three francs.' 'Not more than that? Why, that is very cheap; and so cheap, too, that I will not let this opportunity slip without buying one. I have here three francs, and only a few sous more. To spend this money all at once will certainly put us to some inconvenience; but never mind; God will provide.' 'But your husband; what will he say to it?' 'That does not matter for were he here, he would do the very same that I intend doing.' Could any conduct be more touching than this?"

IN BELGIUM, amid many discouragements, the Committee have to report the successful distribution of 9,481 copies of the Word of God; and in Holland the work proceeds most satisfactorily, but with little variation of issues from year to year.

In the vast GERMAN field, which comprehends nearly the whole central portion of Europe, the Committee announce a state of things which fills them with great joy, and leads them to anticipate such spiritual results as shall hasten the overthrow of error and superstition, and win the allegiance of many hearts to the God of Truth.

The work in Germany is divided into two Districts, the Western of which has been placed under the superintendance of the Rev. Mr. Davies, and the Eastern under that

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