

the one among the workmen who, owing to his readiness of speech, was evidently regarded as the great orator of the company, and who, consequently, had given utterance to the greatest amount of absurdity and blasphemy, came up to our friend, and holding out his hand, said to him, "I cannot believe that you are acting a part, as is generally the case with the members of the priestly body; there cannot be any doubt about the matter; you love your fellow-creatures, and are really desirous of making them happy. Being quite sure of this, I must buy one of your Bibles, as I want to become acquainted with it, and I now invite you to repeat your visit here, that we may again have some talk together." Three other workmen, led on by this example, provided themselves each with a copy of the New Testament. I would repeat what I have stated above, that with some slight variations, similar incidents are now of frequent occurrence in Paris, and very nearly one hundred copies, all of the Protestant version, have been recently purchased under like circumstances. Who can have any doubt, after hearing this, and at a time when the atheists have set on foot an actual and formidable campaign, of the urgent necessity there is of strengthening, rather than in any wise weakening, the work of Bible Colportage?"

Nor are the Colporteurs who labour in the interior less devoted or successful in their efforts to circulate the Book. One whom the Lord seems to have made eminently successful says:

"During the nineteen months in which I have been at work in the department, with intervals of suspension of longer or shorter duration, no one has ever insulted me, nor has any one even displayed any opposition calculated in any wise to hinder my work. While keeping below the actual reality, I can state that upwards of 800 souls have received impressions of so serious a nature, that I am fully warranted in believing that they will not content themselves with a secession from the Romish Church, in which all these persons have been brought up, but that by continuing to read the Scriptures, as they are now in the habit of doing, they will before long enter as cordially and publicly the true Church of Jesus Christ. As far as it is permitted to a human creature to be absolutely positive in such a matter, among the number of persons more than well disposed to whom I have just referred, I know eighty at the very least who have been enlightened to salvation. Upwards of 2,000 persons, on each occasion when I have passed their houses, have asked me to walk in and rest myself. The same number have frequently solicited me to take a seat at their tables in order to prolong my intercourse with the family. About 3,000 persons have made me promise to call on them every time I might happen to be in their neighborhood. The Authorities have always and immediately renewed my authorization, and always with much friendliness. Eleven medical men, to whom I have sold a Bible, have given me good and useful advice how to augment the number of my sales, and their patronage has positively contributed to produce such an augmentation. I have only been decidedly repulsed on a single occasion, whilst hundreds have told me in every form that it would gratify them were I to take up my permanent residence among them. Consequently, it would be very easy to establish churches in various localities in this field of labor were we in possession of religious liberty. Certainly I should be an unworthy egotist were I to imagine that all this could be attributable to my efforts. This happy change has been brought about, little by little, in the course of a long series of years, by the

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