

tots in South Africa, that I have seen the face of Englishmen. I have been looking whether a Hottentot found his way to this meeting, but I have looked in vain; I am the only one. I have travelled with the Missionaries in taking the Bible to the Bushman, and other nations. When the word of God has been preached, the Bushman has thrown away his bow and arrows. I have accompanied the Bible to the Caffre nation, and when the Bible spoke, the Caffre threw away his shield and all his vain customs. I went to Lattakoo, and they threw away all their evil works, they threw away their assaigais, and became the children of God. The only way to reconcile man to man is to instruct man in the truths of the Bible. I say again, the Bible is the light; and where the Bible comes, the minds of men are enlightened. Where the Bible is not, there is nothing but darkness; it is dangerous, in fact, to travel through such a nation. Where the Bible is not, man does not hesitate to kill his fellow; he never even repents afterwards of having committed murder. I thank you today; I do nothing but thank you today. Are there any of the old Englishmen here who sent out the word of God? I give them my thanks: if there are not, I give it to their children. The Bible is still amongst us. I will not say much. I have told you that there are three witnesses who came with me, and they will speak of things. Your Missionaries, when they came to us, suffered with us, and they wept with us, and they struggled for us, till they obtained for us the charter of our liberties.

'I am so convinced that the Bible is the word of God, and of the blessings that we derive from it, that were there any thing I could do for my own countrymen I would do it; but it is the work of God to do it. My nation is poor and degraded, but the word of God is their stay and their hope. The word of God has brought my nation so far, that if a Hottentot young lady and an English young lady were walking with their faces from me, I would take them both to be English ladies. Do instruct us—I say again, do instruct us! Do not leave us to ourselves. Hold us under your arm. We are coming on; we are improving; we will soon all be one. The Bible makes all nations one. The Bible brings wild men and civilized together. The Bible is our light. The Hottentot nation was almost exterminated, but the Bible has brought the nations together, and here am I before you. You have the honour, I claim nothing. You give us your pence and your farthings, and here am I; I am yours.'

FRANCE.

The Society's Agent at Paris, Mr.

De Pressensé, in his report, among other particulars, states as follows:

"On every side we find religiously-disposed people coming forward full of zeal, who, availing themselves of the powerful aid afforded by your Society, cheerfully engage to convey the Sacred Volume to such parts as have hitherto remained without its saving influence. I do not here allude to the colporteurs employed by Religious Societies, but to Christian friends belonging to the laity, who during their leisure moments make themselves useful in advancing the kingdom of their God and Saviour. I might specify whole churches, the members of which, without abandoning their ordinary occupations, have thus become true evangelists. The number of copies of the holy Scriptures placed this year in the hands of such depositaries, has amounted to no less than 17,398 volumes, being 8000 copies more than were distributed by the same persons in the year preceding. Could I but submit to you the voluminous correspondence which I have carried on with the friends of the cause, you would find reason to bless the Lord for the successful results of their labours.'

The labours of the colporteurs are next adverted to, and several pleasing facts are adduced, to prove how beneficial they are:—

"In reference to the operations of the colporteurs, employed by the numerous Evangelical Societies, which have made choice of France as the principal field of their labours, I have before me the most encouraging proofs of the increasing benefits resulting from their endeavours. This year these indefatigable labourers have circulated 43,510 copies of the Scriptures.

"You will see from this, what powerful auxiliaries the Bible Societies have in these humble evangelists, whose whole life is devoted faithfully to plead the cause of the Bible, and whom God makes use of as messengers to convey his word into every part of our country; for you will doubtless learn with pleasure, that through their means the whole of our provinces will soon be regularly visited, with a view of supplying the wants of the Scriptures, which may be found to exist. I have already had occasion to remark, that it is the Evangelical Societies that send forth these colporteurs. Two of these in particular employ a considerable number of them, namely, the Evangelical Societies of France and Geneva. Both are richly blessed of the Lord, and the former seems to have been called to labour in an immense field. The following will serve to confirm this assertion. It is only four years since it was