

He listened with folded hands, then wept on, and said, 'This is the first day I have tried to work since her death. I have felt as though I should go mad, I could find no consolation.' He confessed that he had forgotten and forsaken God. 'Now,' he said, 'God has sent you to me, and I will seek Him and serve Him.' We knelt down and prayed. The man accompanied me to the town, where he had to receive money, and bought a Bible, and took it with him to his house of mourning."

Another says :

"My experiences have been of a varied nature. The people were inclined to buy, but the opposition on the part of the priests was very strong. One said, the translation is bad; another, the books are condemned; another, the people cannot understand the Scriptures without the teachings of the Church, and it is therefore dangerous to put the Bible into the hands of the people. I replied, 'But the Scriptures were written for the people; the Apostles addressed their epistles to the believing congregations, not to the pastors and elders exclusively; in Colossians iv. 16, he expressly enjoins that it should be publicly read and circulated in the neighboring churches.' One young priest was especially zealous in his opposition; not content with warning his own parishioners, he went expressly to the neighboring parish to warn clergy and people; yet, in spite of his opposition, I sold in that very parish every Bible I had."

The work in *Prussia* had not been so successful as in the preceding year, still it has been encouraging. Dr. Simon, the agent, writes :

"The total circulation has been 28,060 Bibles, 77,092 Testaments, 6,199 Parts, or altogether 111,351 copies; of which 15,974 Bibles, 38,141 Testaments, 2,338 Parts, that is, altogether 56,453 copies, passed through the hands of the Colporteurs. Besides these numbers, 17,995 Bibles, 14,255 Testaments, 8,261 Parts, or 40,511 copies, have been sent to other agencies, principally to Vienna; making the entire issues of the Berlin agency, 46,055 Bibles, 91,347 Testaments, 14,460 Parts, or altogether, 151,862 copies."

There Scriptures have been circulated in more than ten different languages. Sunday Schools have been liberally supplied, yet only 283 copies have been given as free grants. 28 Colporteurs have been employed, who have in all, labored 1,257 weeks, and disposed of 56,453 copies of the Word of Life. One of them says :

"In a shop that I visited the other day, where the attendants at first received me with laughter, curiosity moved them at length to examine the cheap Testaments that I showed. One of their number having bought a copy asked me to tell him a passage that he ought