

the watering-places and gambling haunts, and there to deposit the blessed Gospel in the sleeping rooms of all the principal hotels, hoping that some, who never had the opportunity of quietly reading in the Book of Life, may thus be reached by the Good Shepherd, and brought into the fold.

"Nevertheless, God has His people at work amongst all these adversaries to the Truth—a people small in number, as they have been in all ages—a people who look above the world, aspire after spiritual pleasures and freedom from sin—who spend their life in promoting the temporal and eternal interests of their fellow-creatures—are regulated in their faith and practice by the revealed will of their Maker, and rely for salvation on the finished work of their Redeemer; and in spite of all the efforts of the enemies of God, the number of this chosen people is increasing every day. In union, then, with this little flock, scattered abroad, we continue to labour and pray; and we faint not, because divine grace is bestowed, and we are permitted to see that our labours are not in vain in the Lord."

Out of many interesting facts, your Committee quote the following, furnished by the Bavarian Bible Society:

"In my former parish," writes a correspondent, "it happened that a soldier was quartered on a pious farmer. He was a native of Bavaria, and, besides being strongly prejudiced against Protestantism, was a decided enemy to reading the Scriptures. On several occasions, he would push the Bible away from him with signs of contempt, when he found it lying on the table, and would often express his disgust at beholding it, in terms of strong indignation. A continuance of rainy weather kept him once for several days within doors; having nothing to do, and finding the time hang very heavy on his hands, he took up the despised Bible, turned over its pages, and as regularly threw it down again with an air of disappointment. At length his attention was roused, and he began to read the sacred volume. Instead of throwing it aside as before, his mind now became so much engrossed with its contents that he actually sent for a pound of candles, and continued the perusal during the greater part of the night. On taking leave of the farmer, he pressingly entreated him to sell him the Bible, which the other, who was delighted with the change