

creased and his sufferings became more excruciating, the more did he wish me to read to him about the passion of his Lord and Saviour. On my finishing he would say to me, 'I am only suffering for my sins, and what are my sufferings in comparison with those which he endured for me, even to the shedding of his own blood to cleanse me from all my iniquities? Oh! how good He is! Oh! how good He is, and what a wretched sinner I am. He frequently spoke to me of your visit as having been one of the greatest proofs of the love of his Redeemer. 'Oh my poor wife,' he would often say, 'only think what we were before that visit. We neither believed in God, nor in anything else; we no longer went to Church, and the Priest was our abhorrence. We were really worse than the heathen. And then only think how gracious God was to us, in sending his Holy Word to us by the hands of a man who could pray for us, and whose prayer was heard. We now believe, and we are saved.' Yes, this was what he continually repeated to me up to the last day of his life—nay, with his last breath," added the female, bursting into tears. "And he said further, 'Try to find out the man who brought the Gospel to us; he is, I hear, still in the district; thank him heartily for the good he has done me. I shall hope to meet with him above in the presence of Jesus Christ, and my last request to you is, that you will buy a copy of the large Book which he showed to me, and which contains the entire revelation of God's will. This shall be the inheritance I bequeath to you, and to our children, but on the express condition that you make a good use of it. Morning and evening after having gone down on your knees, you must read the Holy Book as if you were listening to the voice of the Most High, and you must ask Him to give you grace to do what He commands.'" On hearing this our Colporteur's heart leaped for joy, and his love for his work was increased a hundredfold."

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