

a controversy as this. Those who once rejected it, are now welcoming the Colporteurs to their houses, and entering into conversation with them with marked interest. Antagonism to Rome has received an impulse among Roman Catholics, which in France has never been manifested to a similar extent, and it does not seem improbable that the force through which the once gigantic edifice of papal supremacy will be overthrown, will be the internal force of its own exalted pretensions. When the zenith of papal ambition has been gained, then arises the day star of the true Church's hope. One who is both King and Priest shall then wield the sceptre of a righteous government, and like the great millstone which the Angel took up and cast into the sea, 'with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.'"

Several Colporteurs have been, as usual, laboring the past year in France. At times their success is most encouraging, and, notwithstanding priestly opposition, they generally manage to pursue the even tenor of their way, sowing "beside all waters" the "incorruptible seed of the Word." Of the 91,212 copies of the Scriptures circulated last year in France, 56,585 have been sold by Colporteurs.

G. T. Edwards, one of the District Secretaries of the Society, visited the South of France, holding meetings in most of the places where English residents are found. He thus refers to an incident connected with his journey home:

"On my return through Paris I called on a Roman Catholic Priest, who received the Scriptures from us at the Paris Exhibition, and with whom I have often had interesting intercourse. Through him I was introduced to the most eloquent man among the French Clergy, the well known Pere Hyacinthe, whose indignant protest against the tyranny and corruption of Rome recently produced such a profound impression throughout France. I spent nearly an hour with him; and, while greatly pleased with his frank and unassuming bearing, I could not but feel that he was an earnest seeker after Truth. He told me how much his own mind had been struck with the contrast between those countries which have and those which have not the Bible, an impression deepened by his recent visit to North America. It was interesting to see prominent among the books in his study the Word of God, and as I parted from him, his last request was that he might have the prayers of English Christians. What a blessing such a man might be to his country if, having received the Truth and been baptised with the Holy Ghost, he were sent to preach far and wide the glad tidings of the Gospel. Never did France seem more open to the efforts of God's people than now."

Nearly 6,000,000 copies of God's Word, altogether, have been circulated in France, through the Agency of the Bible Society. Since the Parent Society's Report was printed war has desolated that country. Many of the Col-

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