

behind a hedge, and, taking my opponent by the arm, exclaimed 'stop clown! I have heard all that has passed from behind the hedge, and I have come to put to the proof the power of your portraits. I have got over there, in my yard, a large mastiff which is very vicious; I intend letting him fly at you; and when he has let you feel, how sharp his teeth are, you can rub yourself before us with your famous portrait; and, if you are cured on the instant, we will all kneel down in adoration before it.' At these words, the man went away with extraordinary rapidity. The peasant then gave me his hand, and encouraged me with much affection to continue my address, from which, he said, he had derived much profit."

Out of several other most interesting narratives, your Committee select the following, which shews, as the Parent Report says, "the ultimate value of the Holy Scriptures to one who was at first weary of reading the sacred page:"

"While proceeding along one of the highways, a colporteur was stopped by a man, who clasped his two hands between his own, and squeezed them tightly, saying,—'Welcome, colporteur of the Bible! may God render to you a hundred fold the good which by you, or by one of your comrades, has been done to me; for I do not recognize your countenance. Here is my history: it is short, but good. It is a long time, a very long time, since I thought I was committing a theft in buying the book which you sell. I read it—it wearied me—I did not understand a word—I threw it aside. Many years after, pecuniary losses, misfortunes of all kinds fell upon me from every side; I was so exasperated by them as to determine to take away my own life. All at once my eyes rested upon the book, and urged, as it were, in spite of myself, I opened it—I read it, and this time everything that it said to me seemed clear as the day. It reproved me—it scolded me, as I would not have allowed anybody to do; but, instead of being angry with it, I said to it: 'It is you that are right; I am punished because of the evils that I have done.' Then I fell upon my knees, I asked for grace and mercy, and all that I read afterwards was grace and mercy. It is to me, indeed, that Jesus Christ has said,—'Come unto me, ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' I have been to Him; I have found the rest of my soul. Welcome, once more! Welcome, from my heart, colporteur of the Bible, you are a messenger of peace.'"

How interesting, friends, these things are! Many more might be added. Some shewing that "sacrifices are often made by the poor to obtain the Scriptures." Some that "the careless sinner is led to the earnest study of the Gospel, in order to be assured that 'Jesus Christ came to seek and to save that which was lost.'"

Some that "the blasphemer is led sometimes to listen to the Word