

apparent unkindness, but a readiness to receive the Word, and in many instances a pressing forward to obtain a copy. Others also sought to get hold of a volume, but when told our work was for the students, they generally retired, or feigned to be of the number.

"There was much to interest us in the appearance of the students as they pushed their way, bag and baggage, into the hall. They entered by different gates, which were guarded by soldiers to prevent improper persons from gaining admission. There was all possible variety in dress, age, and seeming ability, but alike in their earnest manner, the object which they had in view, and the attractive bag hanging on their breasts and containing their writing materials, they could not but be looked on with a feeling of interest.

"In a day or two they returned from the hall, making a tremendous crush, which was increased by the number of donkey-drivers, chair-bearers, and others eager to 'catch a penny' in doing them a service. This was a special season for distribution on our part, and though the great body of them presented a weary and worn appearance, we were pleased at the readiness they showed to get possession of our books. Very few, indeed, treated us with disrespect.

"The same course was followed on their return that had been adopted when they went to the hall. We were stationed at the different entrances, and as it took a long time for the students to pass to and fro, it gave us ample opportunity to do the work in an efficient and careful manner.

"While the examinations were going on, we directed our labours to the city, where, in the streets, there was continuous preaching at different points, followed by the sale of the Sacred Volume among the people. There we made a distinction between them and the students, which was perfectly appreciated, and a considerable amount of work was thus done.

"We were the only labourers in this field, and heartily glad we were to be engaged in it. The whole was regarded in the light of a great success. Not only was the class of students an interesting and promising one, but the reception they gave us was no small encouragement, and we were thankful for having gone to Nanking and for having been enabled to do so much useful Christian work.

"It was a season of earnest prayer with us before and after our labours, that God's blessing would rest upon the whole. There was no opportunity for lengthened conversation with the students, but we were satisfied that they were the men who, in an intellectual point of view, were best qualified to read the printed page. We were assured that the books would, for the most part at least, be taken by them to their widely separate and distant homes, which in most instances, would never be reached by us; and it was left in God's hands to follow the work so done with the promised outpouring of His Holy Spirit.

"We cannot overrate the importance of this form of labour, and as the B. A. and M. A. examinations recur at definite times and in a variety of places, it seems desirable that they should be availed of more systematically than they have been.

"The issues from the Depository during the past month amount to 29,106 volumes, and we have several large orders on hand, which we cannot execute till we receive more copies from the press."—*B. & F. Bible Society Reporter.*

A RELIC OF TEL-EL-KEBIR.

The following account of a Testament having literally saved a soldier's life has been received by us, and our readers may rest assured of its being perfectly authentic. Our correspondent writes:—

"I have received a letter from one of my old Sunday scholars among the Highlanders, who was one of the foremost in leaping into the trenches at Tel-el-kebir, and I send an extract that may be of interest:—"Thank God, I am in