

called several of the men together, and, to the amazement of the colporteur, this modern centurion began to deliver a little sermon, which made the Bible-man's ears tingle for joy. The colonel told them what a valuable book the Bible was, that it was their duty highly to revere and diligently to read it, that they ought to live according to its precepts, and especially to love one another. If they thus followed the book they would find it to be for their temporal and eternal good. Then he proceeded to distribute the books he had purchased, and he made each one of the soldiers promise that he would make a good use of the gift he was bestowing on him.

The following is taken at random from the Colporteurs' Reports :—

"When we came to the camp at V. there was a sentinel who would not let us pass. Whilst we were parleying, a servant came round and bought a New Testament, and then, giving us a secret wink, he led us straight to his master, a general officer. After a good deal of cross-questioning, this gentleman not only gave us permission to sell, but requested one of the officers to go with us through the camp. We had not far to go before we were surrounded by a crowd of eager buyers who soon emptied our bags. We next went to Colensina and Baneusa, where we found a large number of Cossacks. There, too, we sold, every day more, the whole week through, and it was really a pleasure to see the men sit down and read. The Cossacks expressed their astonishment to find here the Russ Testament and people with whom they could speak. They were particularly pleased with the new Russ Bible, and said, if they were going back they would most certainly buy a copy each. One soldier said it seemed to be a good book, but he could not understand it; whereupon a Cossack uttered the remarkable words that, 'in reading he must pray to God for light, then he would understand.' Next morning, when the colporteurs went out to these men again, they were all packing up and ready to start. 'We tried,' they write, 'to comfort and encourage them, pointing them to the glory prepared for them that believe in Jesus, the Saviour. We then shook hands all round and parted in the hope of a joyful meeting with many of them in eternity.'

"On one occasion the colporteurs could not venture into Giurgevo because it was being bombarded. They stopped a little way outside, and very soon a number of soldiers crowded round them. An officer sent them word to go further back, and they thus describe their situation: 'We crept into a little hollow, the soldiers following us, and a brisk sale commenced whilst the cannonade was going on. At eight the firing increased. Now and then a ball whistled over our heads. We all of us thought it wise to retreat. Still the men wanted to buy and we wanted to sell, so we fetched a fresh supply and crept into a ditch. There came a shell as if meant purposely for us, but it fell a hundred yards off, and did not even explode. We now retired in good earnest, and scarcely had we gone when a shell plunged down and burst in the very spot where we had been sitting. Probably the enemy had espied the knot of soldiers that had gathered round us. Later on the firing discontinued, and we could go to work again.'

"Here is another scene in the camp:

"At Bunesi we found a large camp. We stopped close by. The soldiers soon caught sight of us, and flocked round us so closely that we were almost helpless. I got up on the top of my Bible waggon, and the soldiers held up their money, clamouring for books. We could not hand down copies quickly enough, and take the money. Presently an officer volunteered to help. I gave him twenty copies at a time, and he brought me back the money. It was a regular scramble. Everyone wanted to be served first. Of course we could not stand this long; our supplies were soon exhausted, and we had to go back to Bucharest.

"One morning a railway train arrived filled with 2,000 Turkish prisoners at Jassy. Our colporteur was on the spot, and a copy of the Holy Scriptures was handed into each of the waggons, and thankfully received.

"The latest arrivals are the Imperial Guards; but among these, for the