

country, during the period mentioned, though not unaccompanied with annoyances and hindrances, has been, on the whole, highly encouraging and satisfactory. The issues from the Dépôt at Paris under the charge of the Society's agent, M. de Pressensé, have amounted to 90,452 copies, making a total of more than 3,000,000 copies of the Scriptures, introduced into that country, through the blessing of God on the direct agency of the Society. Of these 90,452 copies there have been devoted to the work of colportage 81,242 copies. It is in this direction then, says the agent, that our labours have been prosecuted with the greatest vigour, and this circumstance should be a matter for rejoicing, for it is from this portion of our operations that we are warranted in looking for the most encouraging and gratifying results. When it is said that a Bible or a New Testament has been disposed of by a colporteur, we conclude that such an act was made the occasion for a serious address, and for the offering up of fervent prayer.

The proceeds realized from the sales of the colporteurs during the past year, continues the agent, could not be more satisfactory, amounting to the sum of £2,005, and he calls attention to the fact, that this sum has proceeded from the scanty purses of the poor, and from purses in which frequently there was scarcely sufficient to buy bread, which owing to the badness of the harvest had so greatly risen in price. Next to the distribution by colportage the most important is that which is included under the head of sales, which comprises a large number of the Bibles sold in the towns. Among the customers have been several pious and wealthy individuals, who have anonymously procured a number of copies of the Scriptures, for the purpose of distributing them gratis among the poor in their neighbourhood. This is a fresh fact of great interest, as it shows that the work of Bible circulation in France is gaining helpers in all directions.

Among the most interesting tokens of the Society's success in France, is a memorial consisting of a vase of artificial flowers prepared with small coloured beads, and presented to the Society. This gift came from a number of pious soldiers quartered in a certain town, who had felt the blessed effects of the Society's operations. It appears that a christian female—the wife of a former soldier—had commenced an evening service intended exclusively for soldiers, who, on the invitation of her husband, chose to attend. So interesting and edifying did this service or Bible class become to many of the soldiers that they

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