

the circulation of even this version, authorised by the Church of Rome, is very limited. What can be done under such circumstances ?—

"THE EFFECTUAL FERVENT PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN AVAILETH MUCH."

#### COLPORTEURS.

The domiciliary visits of Colporteurs have always appeared to your Committee to be of paramount importance, and a grant of Scriptures in the French language, made with the accustomed liberality of the Parent Society, has materially contributed to promote those efforts already undertaken.

The Committee have reason to know that a demand for the Sacred Scriptures does exist in hitherto unvisited localities, which can in no way be so effectually met as through the agency of Colporteurs. They can, therefore, with confidence, solicit the support of the religious public. The labors of a converted Frenchman, who has abjured the errors of Rome under the enlightenment of the Gospel, have been pursued in the country parts for some time with much devotedness, and with a success, which affords an earnest of what may yet be expected to result, from sustained efforts.

Through the visits of Mr. Blyth in the city and its neighbourhood, many families have been supplied. In some instances partial payments were received at intervals for copies sold, and loans have not unfrequently terminated in actual purchases.

Through Mr. Blyth's instrumentality, also, several

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have been formed, and this department the retiring Committee would commend to the special attention of their successors.

The evident advantage of possessing correspondents in different directions needs scarcely be enlarged upon ; doubtless they will prove to be valuable adjuncts in supplementing the resources of this Auxiliary. Branches have been formed at Portneuf, Valcartier, Bourg Louis, Inverness, Leeds Upper Ireland and Lower Ireland ; subscribers' names have been enrolled, and a limited supply of Bibles and New Testaments, forwarded to each. Considerable interest has been awakened in these districts in the work of Bible dissemination ; and Mr. Blyth speaks in high terms of the kind and hospitable reception invariably accorded him. A Depository has also been established at Gaspé under favorable auspices, to which books have been forwarded. The Depository opened at Mr. Middleton's, Mountain street, has already proved a useful channel of distribution.