

Society gave each of them a New Testament as a memorial of their escape. That was six or seven-and-twenty years ago said the old sailor, 'but I have got the book now, and I wouldn't take twenty, or five-and-twenty pounds for it. It has been the guide and comfort of my life ever since.'"

EGYPT.

The land of Egypt is so closely connected with the history of the Bible that the circulation of the Scriptures in it has a special interest. Its geographical position gives it another kind of interest, especially to Britain. And passing events are attracting to it the attention of the world, and making its immediate future uncertain. Writing of it, now some months ago, Dr. Thompson says:—

The sales effected by your Society through the American Mission may be considered as equalled by those effected by that mission for the American Bible Society, and bearing this in mind, as well as the much greater number of educational and religious works that are circulated from year to year, we may confidently rely on a great moral revolution in Egypt at no distant date.

The circulation last year was as follows:—

Sales from the Alexandria depot	610
“ by four colporteurs	1,437
“ by the American U. P. Mission	782
“ To Miss Whately's Schools	84
Grant to “ “ “ “	124

Total copies 3,037

The increase of 531 copies over the circulation of 1880 is entirely due to sales effected in three months by Mr. Andrea Weinstein, the Society's colporteur at Port Said.

PORT SAID.—Your Agent sincerely rejoices that this important station is now occupied by a resident colporteur, and one who has already given ample proof of his diligence and tact. Port Said has rapidly grown into a town of some 15,000 people, and has a future of great importance before it. About 9,000 are Arabs, and the rest are French, Greeks, Italians, Maltese, English, Germans, &c. The circumstances which have brought this heterogeneous population together have been unfavourable to their religious welfare, and they have been too long neglected by Christian workers. Hence this place on the borders of the Holy Land is one of the worst moral plague-spots in the world,

Some good people could not see this religious darkness without trying to do something to remedy it, and they obtained a zealous Christian lay missionary in Mr. J. Whytock, who has done good service in selling the Scriptures, besides working as an evangelist. But your Committee were anxious that one whose whole time and energies would be devoted to the dissemination of God's Word should be placed in such an important maritime highway as Port Said, without weakening their little staff of colporteurs for Alexandria and Suez. And they have been much gratified by the high testimony borne to Mr. Weinstein's work by some who have personally watched it, as for instance, by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Nelson, and by the Rev. Canon Scarth, of St. Andrew's Waterside Church Mission. Not a few passengers and others have encouraged Weinstein by their support, among whom special mention must be made of the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Singapore, her Majesty's Consul and Vice-Consul, and Dr. Robertson. He has received cordial aid from Mr. Whytock, who effected a distribution among Spaniards and Frenchmen who had refused to purchase. The inhabitants of the town have bought only a few copies, but among the passing population on ship-board Weinstein has had much success during the few months he has been at work. Out of the 2,727 vessels which passed through the canal in 1881,