

tracts ; of the Scripture reader in Oude, led to Christ through a tract purchased on the Lucknow racecourse ; of the Orissa convert, brought to the knowledge of the truth by tracts given him by a half-enlightened man in Poore, the very seat of Satan ; of the Chinese farmer far beyond the missionary's reach, led to him and to the knowledge of the Truth by the tract bought from the colporteur ; of the aged Japanese converted by God's blessing on a simple tract ; of the American sailor arrested in his careless course by *The Swearer's Prayer*, and now a minister of the Gospel ; of the Syrian doctor of Damascus, so earnest in the spread of the faith, led to Christ many years ago by the study of the Arabic translation of *Keith on the Prophecies* ; of the young Greek in Thessaly, steadfast in tribulation, whose attention has been aroused by the reading of a child's paper and a Christian tract ; of the reader of the *Aryan*, thus led to decide to follow Christ, at Mirzapore ; of the Karen man reading the tracts secretly left by his pious mother in his house, and now a rejoicing Christian ; of the Roman Catholic priest, first led to a more perfect knowledge of the way of the Lord by the tract given him as he descended the steps of his church, and dying a Protestant pastor, highly esteemed for his work's sake ; of the young Italian receiving the first impression of the truth from the Italian almanack, and confirmed in it by the tracts received in France ; of tract distributors in France and England, earnest in their work, remembering the blessing which a tract had once been to their own souls. Such are surely but samples of a vast number of similar cases of which no record has been preserved. Are they not enough to cheer and encourage every producer, every publisher, every distributor of Christian books and tracts, of every one who tries to help on the work ?

" Divine truth circulated by the press is as blessed in its results now as it has been in former days. Men destined themselves to be made a blessing to thousands, and to exercise a wide-spread influence, find the truth first for themselves in the book or the tract, as they did in the days of Sibbes and Baxter and Doddridge, of Wilberforce and Legh Richmond and Chalmers—that wonderful succession of which mention was made at the Society's last anniversary. It has been so from apostolic days, when the inspired books of the New Testament circulated in the infant churches as Christian tracts ; and we need to be as earnest in promoting such circulation as the Apostle Paul was when he wrote to those whose face he had never as yet seen in the flesh : ' When this epistle is read among you cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans, and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea.' "

The number of 128 new publications have been added to the list during the year in English (German, French, Spanish, Italian, &c.)