

SWITZERLAND continues to be an interesting country in connection with Bible dissemination, although there appears to be some falling off in the sales of the Scriptures during the past year.

In ITALY the operations of the Society continue as narrow and circumscribed as in former years. Tuscany is jealously guarded by the Roman hierarchy;—in the States of the Church no effort for the circulation of the Scriptures is tolerated,—and the Neapolitan dominions are equally inaccessible to the distribution of the Bible. Sardinia is the only bright spot in the whole Italian peninsula, so far as the circulation of the Word of God is concerned; and even there the work is only tolerated, not recognized in the broad sense that every man has a right to the Scriptures, and that no human government can justly refuse its subjects the privilege of possessing and reading the Scriptures, and following out their honest convictions of truth.

The Parent Committee in closing their remarks upon Italy state that it is not for them to express either predictions or hopes in relation to its political future. They have always considered it a solemn duty to stand prepared for enlarged openings in that country, and present circumstances do not render it less important than formerly, that the same readiness for action should be observed. Whenever Italy shall proclaim freedom of religious thought, and freedom of religious worship, they feel assured that a cheap and open Bible will be found, under the Divine blessing, the most potent means of consolidating Government, and promoting social elevation and national happiness.

Little can be said respecting GREECE. The Scriptures are still freely admitted into the Government Schools, and thus one great point of importance has been gained: The circulation thus effected is entirely gratuitous, but its special cha-