

Germany, for Austria, for Bavaria, for Poland, and, if the way should be opened, for Eastern and Southern Europe. From the shores of the Baltic to the islands of Sicily, from the Black Sea to the Spanish Peninsula—that was his district. He went, and everybody who knows the history of the British and Foreign Bible Society knows that a better and more faithful agent than Dr. Pinkerton the Society never had. I was his immediate successor at Frankfort-on-the-Maine, and this I can tell you, that when I made my first journey for the Bible Society, I found the mere fact that I was Dr. Pinkerton's successor was a sort of "Open Sesame" to the doors of all the hearts of all Christians. They said he was such a holy man, such a kind man, such a conciliatory man, such a Christian. In the first decenniad of his labours as your Agent his circulation was under 50,000 copies a year; and now, building on the foundation that he had laid, what is the state of things? You have a successor to him in Berlin, a successor in Vienna, a successor in Odessa, a successor in Constantinople, a successor in Rome, a successor in Spain, a successor in Lisbon; and, as my friend Mr. Millard says, they do not go out single-handed to do the Society's work, but they are appointed by you as a sort of captains of a little army of colporteurs. "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name." That is the jubilant note that I should like to strike.

To come back to Switzerland and Germany, and to look at them in relation to the work of our Society, the most important fact connected with them is this, that these lands contain forty-six millions of immortal souls. Of course I could tell you that some of them speak Lithuanian, some Polish, some Dutch, some Danish, some French, some Italian, and some Romanese; but the fact of facts is this: there are forty-six millions of human souls, and you have sent out the Book of God to be put into their hands. And what better gift could you give them? What have you been doing for the last fifty years in these two lands? I rejoiced from the very depth of my heart when I heard my friend say that he had put four million copies into circulation since he had been in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society; but, ladies and gentlemen, I have had this experience, which is perhaps unique in the history of the experience of any Continental agent: that in the Franco-German war, it was the privilege of your Society, in connection with the depots under my superintendence, to put more than one million copies of the Scriptures into circulation in a single year.

Eleven millions of copies of the Word of God have been put into circulation in Germany and Switzerland since you began your work. And what was the state of those lands that I have mentioned? They were lands in which the Bible had become a lost book, with the exception of Germany and Switzerland; and the difference between them and the rest of Europe was merely this, that while in the rest it was a wholly lost book, in Germany and Switzerland it was only almost a lost book; and now the land is full of the precious Word of God. I say it is a jubilee year, and I am looking at the encouraging side of the work. I could point out also the dark side; but this is a jubilee year, and let me adopt a jubilant tone. In the journeys which I have to make year by year, north, south, east and west, in these great lands, there is not a spot to which I can go in which I do not find traces of the beneficent work of the British and Foreign Bible Society. And as for Roman Catholics, more than one million copies of the Holy Scriptures have been put in the hands of the Roman Catholics of Germany in the last fifty years, and tens of thousands among the 500,000 Jews who inhabit the country.

It may be said: "Oh, yes, that is outward success. What of the spiritual result?" Well, I will not take refuge in the remark that results are only known to God; but I will call your attention to three facts. First, where, when Dr. Steinkopf was sent out by you to urge German Christians to occupy themselves with the circulation of the Word of God, the Gospel was preached in one pulpit, it is now preached in ten. (Here Mr. Davies gave a