

TO HIS MAJESTY, THE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

WE, the President, Officers, and Committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society, desire to approach your Majesty with the feelings of respect for the exalted position which you occupy, and of thankfulness to God for the beneficent use which He has disposed you to make of it.

The important measure of Emancipation which is now being carried out, accompanied as it is with a system of education for the people, and the free circulation of the Word of God, marks a period of enlightened Christian policy in the history of the Russian Empire, which must ever redound to the honour of those by whom it was originated and fostered. Such a policy, we feel assured, tends alike to exalt a nation, to perpetuate its best institutions, and to give stability to its throne.

The object of the Society which we represent is, the printing and circulation throughout the world of the Word of God, without note or comment; and we have taken the advantage of one of our Secretaries in the capital of your Majesty's dominions, to present to you a copy of the English Bible, which we pray you to be graciously pleased to accept. We desire, in conclusion, to congratulate your Majesty upon your recent escape from the attack of the assassin; and we pray that He who has more than once shielded you from bodily danger may be your guide and guardian through life, giving you in this world a saving and sanctifying knowledge of his Truth, and in the world to come "a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

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Translation of a letter from His Excellency, Baron Brunnov to the Right Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury;—

"LONDON, Nov. 2, 1867.

"His Majesty, the Emperor, my august master, has directed me to express to you in your character as President of the Bible Society of London, his thanks for the sentiments expressed by that Society in an address, voted at the period of the attempt directed against his Majesty in the month of June last. While fulfilling this duty, I seize the occasion which is offered to me for renewing to your lordship the assurance of my high consideration.

(Signed) "BRUNNOV."

One feature worthy of special notice in connection with your Russian work at this present time, is the desire which pervades the minds of many Israelites to possess the Scriptures, both of the Old and New Testament. They have bought as many as 1,500 volumes of the Hebrew Scriptures in the course of last year.— Though the total issues from your Depôt have not reached so high a figure as those of last year, they yet have been very satisfactory, and have amounted to 59,667 copies.

ITALY.

The feverish state of political excitement into which this country has been thrown, by recent revolutionary movements, has been far from favourable to the development of spiritual life. When one master-thought such as that connected with Italian unity, and the possession of Rome as their capital, has taken fast