

They commence with FRANCE. This country, the parent Committee say, furnishes one of the most deeply interesting chapters in the history of Bible circulation, and to it they turn with feelings of deepest thankfulness, as they can discern, in a variety of forms, the decisive and permanent effects produced by the operations of the Society.

The past year forms no exception to the general success which has marked their operations in France. Many exciting topics have engaged the thoughts of Frenchmen, and the discussions to which they have given birth in all circles, have created an influence which has increased rather than diminished the demand for the Scriptures. The circulation, resulting in a great degree from these influences, is announced as considerably in advance of the last few years, and it is with sincere gratitude to God that the Agent states, that between March 1st, 1864, and February 28th, 1865, the actual distributions amounted to 87,454 copies.

A large portion of the purchases made have been of complete Bibles, and M. de Pressinsé, the agent, finds great cause of encouragement in this fact. It is presumed that in the majority of cases they are purchased for thoughtful perusal; and the ease with which these sales are now made contrasts very vividly with the long and persuasive efforts which were once necessary to accomplish the same object.

An important step has been taken in connection with the work in France, from which beneficial results are confidently anticipated, namely, the formation of an independent Dépôt for the sale of the scriptures, in one of the leading thoroughfares of Paris. Hitherto the Society had been without any such central point. Suitable premises have been secured in the Rue St. Honoré, near the Place Vendôme, and the dépôt has been opened under very favorable circumstances. Of the

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