

GERMANY (*including Switzerland*).—Germany sends a report of yet larger sales and yet higher receipts, and these too in the face of wide-spread poverty. The sales rose to 372,000 copies in twenty languages, the receipts to nearly 13,000*l.* These are the highest figures ever reached in a normal year. Nothing has gone to swell this circulation but steady labour: it is the honest result of well-aimed effort, blessed by God. Your Committee pause for a moment upon that sum of 13,000*l.* paid for Scriptures in Germany, to remark that these books were not sold to critics for scientific purposes, but largely to the poorer classes for exhortation, edification, and comfort. One version deserves, even in so brief an abstract, special mention—the sixth edition of Dr. Delitzsch's Hebrew New Testament. Five years ago the age of the translator, and the quality of his work, led your Committee to express its opinion that this eminent scholar had given to his work its finishing touches; but three since then he has gone over his translation, and now another edition is 'demanded.' The demand finds your agent 'surprised,' and previous editions sold. This fresh providential call to the Jews not to abide still in unbelief is receiving what sounds like an answering moving from Kischineff, where a purely Jewish community numbering 200 families, under the guidance of a remarkable man of their own kith and kin, have organised themselves for religious purposes, and are reading diligently the Hebrew New Testament. Their position towards the Synagogue on the one side and the Church on the other, as well as their nearer and their father horizon, will be realised by those who know how to understand their leader's watchword, 'The Key of the Holy Land is in the hand of Jesus our brother.' Corroborative evidence that this is a real movement reaches us through the colporteurs of the Austrian agency. Your agent, Mr. Watt, all but silent about himself, is present everywhere in the thoughtful, well-planned methods by which he is steadily increasing the efficiency and lessening the expense of his work.

AUSTRIA.—The year has been marked in the Austrian agency, as in the German, by a high tide of success. Never before, in an ordinary year, has the