

was most satisfactory and successful, and it has produced an impression on the population of France which will not readily be effaced.

In *Austria* our work has been prosecuted without interruption, and with fresh fields, where hitherto little or nothing has been done for supplying the population with the Scriptures—constantly opening up before our agent. The total circulation of the year comprised 132,460 copies, of which 26,936 copies were sent out from the *Warsaw depot*, while at the new *depot* in Trieste, since August last, 4,300 copies were sold. One very interesting event in connection with our work in Austria during this past year, has been the completion of a translation of the remaining portions of the Bible into the Servian language, which will render the whole of the inspired volume for the first time accessible to the millions of Servians and Croats who inhabit the Austrian Empire. The pleasure felt at the completion of such a work, however, is not universal, for the Greek clergy of Servia, headed by their Metropolitan, have tried what they could to stop the circulation of the translation, and have even appealed to the Government for that end, but happily without success. The prospects before us in this Agency are certainly most encouraging, as far as relates to the work to be accomplished, but it is a work which will involve an outlay likely very severely to tax the resources of the Society, for in Austria everything must be done by means of paid Agents, voluntary helpers being very rarely to be met with.

"In *Portugal*, too, a country from which our operations were so long excluded, the Scriptures have met with willing purchasers, and notwithstanding the opposition thrown in the way of our Colporteurs by the Romanist clergy, and by their blinded supporters, and this in defiance of the decision of the Legal Tribunals, our indefatigable and persevering Agents have succeeded in disposing of upwards of 10,000 copies.

"In *Germany* from the three *depots* in Frankford, Cologne, and Berlin, 318,873 copies of the Scriptures have again been scattered among the population, a number, however, which does not equal the circulation of the previous year, which was unusually large, arising out of the peculiar circumstances connected with the war.

"In *Russia*, in *Italy*, and in *Turkey*, the work has been carried on without interruption, and with some amount of success; and in *China*, too, our Agent, with his Colporteurs, has been busily occupied in selling the Scriptures among the myriads who people that empire. The total circulation in China during the year from the various centres of operation has exceeded 170,000 copies, the larger number of these being portions containing two or three books of the New Testament.

"What I have thus mentioned will, I think suffice to prove that I am warranted in designating the past year a successful one, and of this you will become increasingly convinced when you read the Annual Report, a Copy of which shall as usual be sent to you by the first mail after its publication." (See Appendix to this Report.)

Respectfully submitted to the Annual Meeting.

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