

repay, in a harvest of blessed fruit, all the religious culture that may be bestowed upon it.

In BELGIUM the prospects of the Society are very encouraging. The Committee state with much satisfaction that after a period of gradual declension in the issues from the Brussels Dépôt, for the last few years there has been an increased demand for the Scriptures; and as the result of this reaction, the circulation of the year just closed has risen to 10,494 copies.

The Committee have deemed it in every way desirable to sanction the continuance of Bible Meetings in Belgium, convened for the express purpose of advocating the labors of the Society. These assemblies afford the opportunity of showing how intimately the work of the Society has been identified with the movements in favor of evangelical religion. Great interest is excited in the localities where they are held, and eager crowds, Papists as well as Protestants, gather together to listen to addresses which expatiate on the right and duty of every man to read the Bible, and the invaluable results which must flow from the operations of a Society which seeks the universal dissemination of Divine Truth.

The work is proceeding favorably in HOLLAND, which, with its mixed population, cannot dispense with the action of the Society. In this country, as well as in France and Belgium, Colporteurs are employed whose services are of the most efficient character.

GERMANY, say the Parent Committee, has assumed an importance in the operations of the Society with which no other country can compare. It is a mighty population on which to act. There is very much territory, at present, but superficially touched by any agency for the circulation of the Scriptures, and dread foes to Divine Truth seek to hold that