

opening, the Committee have sent an agent, with every prospect of ultimate success.

SPAIN, on the other hand, seems barred at present against every effort made to instruct its population in the knowledge of the Word of God.

Of ITALY, the Committee say, that the operations in which this Society is engaged are restricted to a single object, that is, to give the Bible to the people of this beautiful country. In fulfilment of this purpose, it may be affirmed that there is no city or town in Italy, from the Adriatic to the Mediterranean, which has not been penetrated by their Colporteurs, who, with no little bravery and self-denial, have faced difficulties and dangers which would have appalled men of weaker faith. So far as Northern and Central Italy are concerned, there is scarcely a village, however small its population, into which these useful laborers have not found their way and sold their precious merchandize. In the South, owing to the excesses of brigandage, there may be spots to which the Colporteur has found it impracticable to extend his labors; but it may be presumed that even in such spots the Bible is not altogether an unknown book, for it rarely happens that copies cannot be traced even in the most remote and obscure localities.

The circulation of the Scriptures in Italy during the past year has been 28,237 copies, which have been disseminated over every part of the country. Mr. Bruce, the Agent, writes respecting the Colporteurs:—

"On the whole, I believe that the Colporteurs do their duty, and are anxious to spread the Scriptures in their native land from the highest motives. During the Reformation of the sixteenth century, the Truth made way chiefly among the upper ranks of society, leaving the laborer and artisan much as it found them. It was in the palace of the noble, the dwelling of the prosperous burgher, or the cell of the convent, that