

had already reached their maximum, when last year the issues amounted to 16,000. This year, however, they have reached 19,000, and other evidences are not wanting to prove that a growing interest is being taken in the knowledge of those Scriptures, which are able to make wise unto salvation through faith—that is in Christ Jesus.

In SWEDEN the Parent Committee have to report a decrease in the issues. Last year they had amounted to 93,548, but this year they have fallen to 92,981. Such fluctuations will at times occur, which it is difficult to account for; but God may in this way try the faith and patience of the most earnest by allowing a retrograde rather than a progressive movement to be the present feature of their work.

RUSSIA presents the same restrictions as heretofore as regards the operations of the Society; but the Committee cannot but rejoice that the work which they have at heart is being accomplished, apart from their instrumentality. Previous Reports have already conveyed the important intelligence that an excellent translation of the New Testament into Modern Russ has been extensively printed and issued by the Synod of the Russo Greek Church. This work has proceeded during the past year, and additional advantages for circulation have been given by the issue of a cheaper edition, which, from its portable character, is extremely well adapted for the use of the soldier and the young. This edition has been eagerly bought, and there is no doubt that it will still meet with an extensive demand.

From SPAIN and PORTUGAL there are no tokens of encouragement. The Committee say that they are not forgetful of the need in which those countries stand of the Word of God; nor of their duty to supply that need to the utmost of their power. They think it best, however, at present to content themselves with assuring their friends that they are anxiously