

because they want to learn the languages of the great continent of Asia, and "the cheapest and sometimes the only book they can obtain to aid them in their studies is a copy of the Bible." Several of the students of Bologna and Modena, anxious to know the truth, under pretence of wishing to learn the languages, purchase the Bible in foreign tongues from Colporteurs. May the love of God so reign in their hearts, that the fear of Man may be cast out. These facts clearly prove that, not only among the working classes as at first, but now among the intellectual portion of the Italians, the good seed is being sown. Strong opposition exists, because the truth is dreaded, but in vain. Last year Rev. D. Parker Morgan, Metropolitan District Secretary of France &c. had the privilege of preaching the first sermon on behalf of the B. and F. Bible Society *within the walls* of the "Eternal City"—Rome—and strange to say took up a collection of 1000 francs, *what hath God wrought!* Well may we maintain that the strongholds of the Roman Catholic system are being stormed, and the truth as it is in Jesus is slowly, but surely, gaining ground. In Sardinia the word is eagerly purchased.

SPAIN has not yet been closed against the Bible Society—restrictions, however, have been laid upon the work which necessitate *caution* at the Depots and among the Colporteurs. *The work in PORTUGAL* has been evidently felt. One colporteur states that those who hear the simple story of Him who is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life," seem ravished with delight. Children read it to their parents, and regular ministrations have been formed at Lisbon, Oporto and other places, in consequence of the scattering of the good seed.

Although your committee would gladly allude to the Work of the Society in other fields of Europe, such as DENMARK where 29,649 copies have been disseminated—NORWAY with its 25,111 copies and SWEDEN with its 92,182 copies—still they hasten on to allude to the work accomplished in RUSSIA AND TURKEY. Whilst compelled to state that the number of copies of Scripture issued in Russia is less this year owing to various circumstances, yet the vantage ground is not lost, *The Russian mind has imbibed a deep reverence for God's word.* This feeling is very evident among the Russian soldiers engaged in the present *Turko-Russo war*. They eagerly purchase and read the Word. Mr. Millard, the Society's agent at Vienna, writes on good authority "that the Russian soldiers that were brought into the hospitals in a most pitiable and forlorn condition, denuded of everything—yet, whatever they might have thrown away, or otherwise been deprived of they clung to their Testaments with unflinching tenacity, and prized them as their best and last treasure." He also states that within the last three months, 70,000 copies have been disseminated in the Russo-Roumanian armies on the Danube. Repeatedly the men have said they would rather part with anything rather than not find room for a Testament. The eagerness manifested by

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