

ed of in a short time ; 200 of these have been gratuitously distributed, and 200 more sold at a reduced price. £61 6s. 3d. have been received for Scriptures sold. 300 copies of the new edition of the Bible have been sent out.

In *Norway* the issues from the agency have been 30,019, being 4,300 more than the previous year, and 9,866 more than in 1865.

Last year 11,041 copies of the Scriptures were sold in *Portugal*, and a Depot, for the first time, has been opened in *Lisbon*.

Notwithstanding the excitement in *Italy*, the work of Bible circulation, which has been very encouraging the two previous years, has been still more successful and satisfactory the past year. 48,987 copies of God's Word have issued from the Depots. Of these 37,906 copies have been sold by 34 Colporteurs. In every part of Italy, save ONE, is the Bible circulated. Hopes were entertained that ere now the Word of Light and Life would have found entrance there. Referring to the Colporteurs employed in Italy, the Committee say:

"The readiness with which these men adapt themselves to the varying circumstances which call for prompt action within the range of their labour may be gathered from the fact, that two of them were closely watching the issue of the recent conflict, ready in case they saw the flag of liberty waving over the seven-hilled city, to plant by its side the banner of God's Truth, and invite attention to Him by whom kings reign and princes decree justice."

"Fruit unto everlasting life" is appearing in several parts of Italy. Mr. Bruce, the Agent, writes:

"Among the first Colporteurs in Venice was Francesco Modon, who willingly carried back to his native province that precious volume which he had learnt to value when in exile. He watched with interest those who joined the, at first, small band of Bible readers, and at the close of the year wrote: 'It is now thirteen months since the first service, consisting of about seven persons, was held (by Mr. McDougall) in the Calle Frezzeria in this city. Various Evangelists came, and the room was soon found too small. Then other rooms were taken, two of them very large. Multitudes came to hear. They came and went, but not all. Some remained, and of these, about 150 very solemnly declared, on Sunday, December 23, before God and the world, that they would follow the Saviour, and be true