

AUSTRIA.

The power of God, in the accomplishment of His purpose, through the instrumentality of His own choice, and in a way totally at variance with the preconceived notions of man, has seldom, if ever, been manifested in so striking a manner as in the changes which have overtaken Austria during the last few years, and through which she is still passing. To notice only the change which more immediately affects your Society, who could have foreseen that in a country from which your Agent had been banished, and God's Word thrust out under a military escort only fifteen years ago, that same Agent should now be engaged in spreading everywhere the knowledge of Divine Truth, the only regret which occupies his mind being that the means at his disposal are not equal to the requirements of his agency. What a rebuke to all unbelief and all discouragement does such a fact as this afford; and how well content may we be to work on amidst all difficulties and all apparent impossibilities, leaving it to God to make bare His holy arm in the majesty of His strength, and to work out the purposes of His love in the sovereignty of His grace whenever and by whatever means it may seem good in His sight. A very few figures are sufficient to show the progress of your work since four years ago your banner was once more unfurled in the capital of Austria. Mr. Millard thus furnishes and comments upon the needful statistics:—

Circulation 1864-65.....	25,298 copies
ditto 1865-66.....	58,091 "
ditto 1866-67.....	120,769 "
To which should be added the extra distribution of 1866 among the troops during the war.....	
	35,627 "
Circulation 1867-68	132,460 "
Showing a total of.....	
	372,245 "

The real nett increase of the ordinary dissemination of the year above 1867 is, 11,691 copies.

The year's circulation stated in a different form is:—

47,647 Bibles
64,191 New Testaments
20,622 Parts

132,460 volumes,

being as compared with the preceding year's ordinary issues an increase of 5,324 Bibles, and 8,965 Testaments, and a decrease of 2,593 Parts. These figures include 6,986 copies supplied to Agents of the Scottish national Bible Society.

DENMARK.

The energy with which the Rev. J. Plenge has continued to direct the affairs of your Agency in Denmark has afforded your Committee much gratification.—They feel that it is mainly owing to the interest which he has taken in your work, and the zeal with which he has prosecuted it, that such satisfactory results have been attained, and such hopeful prospects unfolded. Denmark has a population of little more than a million and a half, who are to a great extent well supplied with the Word of God; and yet experience proves that even in