

in its own Divine speech, tells men of His infinite love in dying for their salvation is spread abroad at home and throughout the world, as it could not otherwise be ; and I rejoice to feel that this is in an increasing degree realized by those who are our warm and earnest helpers. I could refer to places where the simple and God-honouring principles of the Society meet with little sympathy. In these, human ideas of man's salvation prevail, churches or creeds are regarded more than Christ, but the half-year has not passed without much encouragement. In this Town (Tunbridge Wells) the Bible Society is thoroughly appreciated. Our Committee is both influential and earnest. We had a few days ago a glorious anniversary. The Dean of Canterbury preached in Canon Hoare's church a suitable sermon, and at the service, which was well attended, Christians of all sects were present, among them the pastor and all the deacons of the Congregational Church. The collection was more than £20. The Dean presided the next morning at the annual meeting, and the claims of the Society were ably advocated by the Metropolitan District Secretary and the Rev. Dr. Stoughton ; all of whom went with me the same evening to a neighbouring village, where a collection of nearly £10 was realized. I have not in my district a more thorough practical helper than Dr. Payne Smith. He has arranged to receive as his guest Dr. Stoughton, the Deputation for the meeting at Canterbury, and to preside over it. The sermons at Southborough were preached in the three churches by the Metropolitan District Secretary and Canon Fremantle of Clayden, and at one of the evening services the Archbishop of Canterbury was present. The amount realized was above the average, and the collection at the close of the meeting was considerably above that of last year."—*B. & F. Bible Society Reporter.*

#### SPAIN.

Those who take an interest in the progress of Divine Truth in Spain must often have had their minds exercised of late with doubts and fears as to the political changes which have taken place, in such rapid succession, in that unhappy country. The only comfort to be found is in the assurance that the Lord reigneth, and that He is ordering all things according to a purpose which can never fail, and in compliance with a covenant which is ordered in all things and sure. It might have been thought probable that the disturbed state of the country would have materially affected the circulation of the Word of God, and that the issues of the last six months would have been characterized by diminished numbers. The reverse, however, of this is the case, and the returns, lately received from Mr. Corfield, call for both gratitude and praise. He shows that during the six months ending August 31 the sales of his agency have reached a total of 26,665 copies, being nearly 400 more than those of the same period last year. One or two extracts from the journals of his colporteurs are not without interest, as denoting the success and hindrances of their daily work.

One of these writes from Almeria to the following effect :—

"You will be glad to know that we get on very well in this province, where we meet with many who are well disposed towards the work of the Lord.

"I must tell you that in Berga, whilst walking down a street, offering my books, I had to pass the priest's house, who, seeing me, called me to come to him ; he then asked me what sort of books I was selling, to which I made reply that they were the Holy Scriptures. Selecting a large quarto Testament, which he examined, he begged me to tell him if I had a clear conscience, and thought that by selling such books my soul in the end would be safe in heaven. I replied : 'You may believe me that, by the grace of God, I am entirely free from an accusing conscience on this score, my soul being saved by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.' Not long after leaving the priest, when lower down in the same street, a lady called me to her to buy two Bibles at