

our Society to give them an idea of active Christianity, and of the extent and character of Missionary work in Christian and heathen lands.

The accounts from SWITZERLAND are very encouraging. Colporteur work among *Italian artisans* who flock in every spring from Lombardy, has been greatly blessed. No less than 10,319 copies were disseminated among them last year. The result—not only do these artisans read God's Word in Switzerland, but they carry it home with them to their Lombardy hamlets, and thus the good seed is scattered, and the way for the King of kings prepared. The Rev. G. P. Davies gives some very *interesting statistics* connected with the working of the Society in this country and Germany. By careful analysis he proves that while the 60 colporteurs employed in Germany only succeed in scattering the good seed at the rate of 1 to 145 souls the result is very different in Switzerland. There with only one colporteur at present the sales effected amount to 1 for every 74 souls. And what is the *secret*? One reason may be their cantonal system which supplies many influential centres, and thus proves the power of concentration. Again whilst in Germany and elsewhere he writes "we work for the most part *for* the people, we here work almost exclusively *with* the people. We put it into their power to distribute the Scriptures at low prices, but the actual work of distribution they undertake themselves"—a *clear evidence* that the the Swiss have been trained to believe that "God helps those that help themselves".

Although the depressing effects of the Servian war, the Bohemian interdict of the circulation of the Scriptures, the opposition of the R. Catholic clergy and Rationalistic Protestant Pastors, have been grievously felt, yet the "good tidings of great joy" have been sent forth with renewed vigour in AUSTRIA. The number of copies issued this year was 27,066 more than last year. These facts speak volumes.

POLAND though dismembered must not be forgotten. Here at least *one million of Jews* are to be found. Not only are Roman Catholics but descendants of faithful Abraham beginning to feel the power of the God-man. One fact among many may be mentioned. "One Saturday a *Jewish lad* bought a copy of the Epistle to the Hebrews in his own tongue. On Monday morning Mr. Kantour found him at the door of the Depot (kept at Warsaw) where he had been waiting since six o'clock, having come twice on Sunday in vain, as the place was shut up. He wanted to know more, and eagerly purchased a Hebrew New Testament." Another fact deserves particular notice. One of the Colporteurs sold a New Testament to a *Young Jew* who, in consequence of the truth thus conveyed became a Christian, and "is now in England in a Christian College, training for Mission Work." *Roman Catholics* too "Buy the Truth and sell it not."

ITALY though benighted is not without light. Since awakened how surely God's Word is making itself felt. Some purchase it,