

edition of the German Bible just completed at Cologne, on account of the Society. His Majesty was graciously pleased to honour Mr. Millard with an interview, and received him with marked courtesy. The Bible was accepted; and after listening to some details of what is being effected in connexion with the Cologne Agency, the King was pleased to express his royal satisfaction at the efforts made by the British and Foreign Bible Society for the circulation of the Scriptures in his dominions. The fact of the King having accepted the copy of a particular Bible, has imparted to the edition a large amount of popularity. Inquiries are constantly made for the "King's Bible," a designation by which it is now generally known. In the course of a few months an edition of 25,000 copies has been nearly exhausted.

In reference to Russia the Committee felt that the circumstances of war could not annihilate or separate the obligations of Christianity. They were anxious to avail themselves of whatever facilities remained for the circulation of the Scriptures in Russia, and they could state with pleasure that the operations of the past year there, notwithstanding the peculiar and trying circumstances of the country, were on a scale far surpassing the expectations they had ventured to entertain. Mr. Mirrilees, who had taken charge of the Society's affairs, after the withdrawal of the regular agent, states that, without exception, the past year had been the most interesting he had known in connection with Bible-distribution. The following sketch of some of the appropriations made at St. Petersburg will be read with interest:

- 116 copies for English prisoners of war at Voronish and Chakoff.  
 501 " to the Empress of Russia for distribution amongst sick and wounded soldiers in the Crimea.  
 1675 " for Russian soldiers, sailors, and recruits.

The political changes which had occurred in Spain induced the Committee to avail themselves of any openings that might be presented. A correspondent in Gibraltar, who was also directing his attention to the same objects, had in part anticipated the wishes of the Committee by dispatching into Spain every available copy of the Scriptures, and employing a Colporteur to distribute them. By this means a considerable number was at once put into circulation, and for some time the Colporteur was permitted to offer them for sale in an important district of Andalusia with entire success. The Committee were encouraged from these circumstances to commence the printing and publishing an edition of the Scriptures in Spain, with reasonable probability of its being extensively circulated. Recent occurrences, however, in that country would lead to the apprehension that this anticipation has hardly been realized.

The operations of the year in Switzerland and Northern Italy furnish gratifying evidence of a progressive work—an increased appreciation, on the part of the people, of the value of the Bible, and a corresponding desire to possess it. The issues reported by Lieut. Graydon compare favorably with those of the preceding