

colporteurs was very much larger than even these figures denote, as they were frequently employed in carrying out gratuitous distribution amongst the French prisoners, as well as amongst the sick and wounded of both nations; combining these two sections of their work, the result was the dissemination of 87,384 Bibles, 274,608 Testaments, and 87,292 Portions—or a total of 407,765. The money receipts on sales have been as follows:—Berlin, £3,316 15s. 2d.; Frankfort, £3,611 7s. 2d.; Cologne, £3,144 0s. 7d.=£10,072 2s. 11d.”

And again passing Cologne and Frankfort, the Report brings us to Berlin :

“ The most important division of your German work, or rather the work which has its centre of organization at Berlin—for others besides Germans have come within the range of its action—is that which relates to the war which brought two of the great military Powers of Europe into conflict. It has been matter of very sincere gratitude to the Committee that, at such a solemn crisis, the agency of this Society could be so suitably and efficiently interposed, and the proof has been afforded more distinctly and incontestably than ever, of the immense value of your Society in having at its command large appliances which can be made immediately available to meet great and unexpected emergencies. It is not too much to affirm that the operations carried out form, probably, one of the most important works Divine Providence ever entrusted to the Society.

“ The war circulation effected by Mr. Davies to April 12, when it had nearly ceased, was 905,994 copies, and of these 460,421 were sold, and 445,573 gratuitously distributed amongst the sick, wounded and prisoners.

“ To what extent gratuitous distribution should be effected was left very much to the discretion of your agent, but he was anxious to draw a line between the healthy soldiers and the sick, wounded and prisoners. The former were required to pay for the Bibles or Testaments they might wish to possess, though at greatly reduced prices; and there was not the slightest difficulty in carrying out this plan, as the German soldiers were most