

The issues of the EIGHTY Bible Societies now in operation has, as nearly as can be ascertained, reached the vast number of one hundred millions. Of those, more than one-half has flowed out from the presses of the B. & F. B. Society; and her annual income has reached the noble sum of \$900,000.

A little more than a year has transpired since Spain was added to the nations whose laws no longer interdict the circulation of the Bible. In ordinary events, we limit our observations and suggestions to the months of a single year; but the opening of the Spanish door, the courage with which it has been entered, the divine gifts which British, and Canadian munificence have enabled the Parent Society to carry within that door, and distribute with generous, yet discreet, profusion, are events, the record of which cannot be circumscribed by the ordinary restrictions of annual limits. Our object is not to pursue the history referred to, but to re-impress your mind with the fact that Spain is now numbered among the nations to whom a share of your liberality is specially directed.\*

The field of the B. & F. B. Society's operations is so vast, that in the abstract of a Report it would be injudicious to read, were it only the names of the places to which its energies are therein directed.

AUSTRIA.—But we may mention Austria, that vast empire of many races, where, although “religious liberty is progressing only with feeble and hesitating steps,” it is *progressing*; and the period of transition is already presenting indications of a most hopeful character. Here, as in other places, “new difficulties may arise, but to be followed by new facilities.” The intelligence, received from Austria as late as last month, says—

“Nothing can be more gratifying than the present position of the Society's work in the Austrian empire, as compared with the difficulties experienced in former years. The Committee have to acknowledge with gratitude the consideration so often extended to their requests by the ruling authorities; but they are under special obligation to the Hungarian and Croat Governments for the generous manner in which they have accorded the fullest freedom of action to the Society's colporteurs. The licenses necessary for the prosecution of this department of labour have been granted with a courtesy and promptness which leaves nothing to be desired.”

DENMARK.—The ignorance of the Bible to be found in such a country as

\*Since this report was written, a letter, full of interest, was received from one of the Secretaries of the B. and F. B. S. It will appear in the *Recorder*. Some of the facts which refer to Spain are all we can now mention. Circulation of the Scriptures in Spain, from the date of the revolution, September, 1808, to November, 1869—time of last returns—is as follows:—

Bibles.....	14,161
Testaments.....	8,417
Portions.....	97,027
In the Spanish Language.....	119,605
In Foreign Languages.....	286
Total.....	119,891