

brother ; he has learned to speak their language perfectly. He can move amongst them with absolute safety, he came home to London three years ago and gave us a report in Committee of the work he had been doing. The Chairman said, Mr. Haffenden, you have been telling us what you have been doing for us, now tell us what you want us to do for you? "Everything" he replied. "I want you to do everything for me, I want you to give me men, I want you to give me money, I want you to give me books, I want you to give me presses, and," he said, "the work that I can do in Malaysia is only bounded by the means you place at my disposal." The world is wide open before us. Almost everywhere we are welcome. We only want the means to go and the men to go in connection with the work.

Someone said to me before I came on the platform to-night, that he had been in the Russian Empire, and wanted to know how the work was going on in Russia. There is no country in the world that takes so many Scriptures from us as does the great Russian empire. It would be a long story to tell you how the Bible Society became established in Russia. Last year we circulated in the Russian empire not far short of half a million copies of the Holy Scriptures. The Russian government has perfect confidence in us, that we will not interfere in any political or ecclesiastical matters. We go there simply to do our work which is the circulation of God's Word without note or comment, and I may say for your information, and for the information of the friend who spoke to me just now, that a few years ago we sent a deputation to Russia to visit the principal centres and points at which we were working ; that deputation on their return recommended the Committee to publish a new, cheaper, and more portable edition of the New Testament in the Russian language. In a short time what we call the "People's Edition of the New Testament" was brought out. It costs the Society a shilling, and we sell it to the poor peasants in Russia for sixpence. The first edition was 50,000 copies. That was gone as soon as issued. Then 100,000 copies, and now we are selling the sixth hundred thousand of this People's Edition of the New Testament in the Russian language.

One other thing, I am quite sure, you will be delighted to hear. I see in the Abstract of our Report, which has only reached my hands to-day, mention of the work of Dr. Baedeker, in Russia. He is a German gentleman living in England who knows Russia well and speaks the language ; the condition of the prisoners in the Russian prisons seemed to be laid upon his heart, but he thought it would be impossible to gain access to them. It happened in God's wonderful providence that he was introduced to the wife of the Chief Director of the Prisons of the Russian Empire, and by her to that gentleman himself, and he began to tell him of what he had been thinking. The Director said, what is it you want? He said, I would like to visit the prisons throughout the Empire, to be allowed to converse with the prisoners and distribute amongst them copies of the Scriptures. "Is that all you want, then there need be no difficulty about that. I will give you an order to visit all the prisons throughout the Empire." And so the order was made out, put into his hands, and Dr. Baedeker last year, armed by us with suitable Scriptures, went through nearly all the prisons in the Russian