

pal cities in Italy, and he urged the importance of employing Book-hawkers or other agents for the distribution of them.

The Secretaries stated that these letters had been well considered by the Standing Committee, who thought that the Society could not undertake to make themselves responsible for the employment of such agents as were proposed, either at home or abroad ; but that they would always be ready favourably to entertain applications from British Chaplains and others for Bibles, Common Prayer Books, and other religious Books and Tracts on the Society's Catalogue, for distribution and for sale throughout Italy.

The Secretaries further stated, that the Standing Committee having seen Mr. Hogg, and having reason to believe that urgent demands will probably now be made for supplies of Bibles, Common Prayer Books, and other publications, had agreed, subject to the approval of the Board, to authorize the Secretaries, upon receipt of satisfactory application, during the vacation, to forward such books to the principal cities in Italy to an amount not exceeding in the whole 400*l*.

The Board agreed to grant at once books to the value of 100*l*. to the Rev. J. Williams for Milan ; and to place 400*l*. for Italy generally, at the disposal of the Secretaries, according to the recommendation of the Standing Committee.

Valuable and interesting information respecting the present religious state and prospect of Italy was given by Mr. Hogg, Dr. Camilleri, Mr. Woodcock, Mr. Hales, Mr. Burgess, and Dr. Lyman ; a discussion ensued in which Lord Lyttelton and several other members of the Society took part ; after which, on the motion of Mr. Meymott, seconded by Mr. Hales, it was resolved,

That it be referred to the Standing Committee to consider the propriety of employing agencies in the distribution of Bibles, of the Common Prayer Book and of other publications of the Society in Italy ; and that they be authorized to proceed forthwith in such employment if they shall think fit so to do.

CHURCH BUILDING IN ENGLAND.

A large and important meeting of the incorporated Church Building Society was held at Oxford on Wednesday, June 5. The Duke of Marlborough presided. His Grace, in addressing the Meeting, said that other agencies might be employed, such as Scripture Readers and societies for the distribution of the Word of God, but the sum and substance of all was the house of God. Herein lay the importance of this means of grace, that not only was one generation provided for, but many, for a building would remain for generations. Referring to the work of the Society, the Duke said that it had assisted in the building or enlarging of 4365 churches, and so secured 1,122,927 additional sittings, of which nearly 900,000 were free, and so proved that the Church of England was the poor man's church. The Rev. W. Field read the report, which stated that for want of sufficient resources, many applications could not be entertained. Bishop Spencer spoke of the merit of the Society in being