

In Belgium a hopeful work is going on, the pledge of greater things at no distant day. The issues were 6,874 copies.

In Holland the work of colportage is carried on with vigour and success. The issues from the depot at Amsterdam amounted to 20,648 copies.

In Germany there are three principal depots or agencies; viz:—Cologne, Frankfort and Berlin. From these depots upwards of 200,000 copies of the Scriptures had been issued during the year.

In the northern countries of Denmark, Sweden, and Norway, the work is carried on with increasing zeal and energy. The last Anniversary of the Swedish Bible Society was attended by His Majesty the King, and other branches of the Royal Family.

In Russia comparatively little has been done. Mr. Mirrielees however anticipates an increasing demand for the Scriptures; and in order to be prepared to meet the anticipated demand several editions are being printed.

In Spain the door is still closed. May that benighted land soon be opened to the light of the Sun of Righteousness.

In Switzerland and Northern Italy, where Lieut. Graydon has for some time acted as agent, there has been a gratifying increase in the circulation of the Scriptures. In Switzerland 22,038 have been circulated; and in Sardinia 11,225. In other parts of Northern Italy something has also been done.

From the depots, Malta and at Athens, under the agency of the Rev. Mr. Lowndes, 18,354 copies have been circulated.

In Turkey, although the circulation is less than during the preceding year owing to the withdrawal of the allied armies, still the demand for the Bible among the Turks is on the increase. The sales of Turkish Scriptures being 2,275 copies during the year.

The Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society speaks at length of the work in India. At Calcutta the issues were 37,263 in various dialects. At Madras, the issues were 66,687, being considerably in advance of those of the preceding year. At Bombay, the issues were 9,376, being a decrease of about 4,000. We omit the issues of some small auxiliaries.

The sad outbreak which has since taken place, will no doubt for a time affect the working of the Bible Societies; but it will we believe, be the means of stimulating the friends of the Bible to be more earnest than ever in carrying the message of truth to the millions of India. Already there has been an appeal sent forth recommending the raising of a special Bible Fund for India. We doubt not the efforts and prayers of God's people on behalf of India