

slation of the Bible has been completed. It is believed to be an improvement on the old version. 25,929 Bibles or Testaments, being an increase of 2,597 over the circulation of the preceding year, had been attained. It would be utterly impossible, in such a sparsely populated country as Norway, to visit all the houses, hence Colporteurs visit all the Annual Fairs; and at these places of general resort sell largely the book which contains the "pearl of great price."

Rev. S. B. Crowther thus writes of one who formerly interested himself in the cause of Bible circulation:

"Machinist Rolf, whose name has appeared in several of my annual reports, has during the past year given a remarkable proof of the sincerity of his devotion to his Saviour's cause. Several years ago he gave notice to the company to which the steamer belonged, of which he was the chief engineer, that if the steamer ran on Sundays he must resign his situation. At the time his resolution was not put to the test, but this year the company decided on running the steamer between Eidsvold and Lillehammer on Sundays as well as week days. Rolf immediately sent in his resignation. The captain, who was his friend, told him that he must be mad, but he never wavered. He thus resigned a situation worth 360 dollars a year rather than do what he felt to be wrong. He has acted as interpreter for some English tourists during the summer; but he must have lost at least 300 dollars by this step. It is seldom that one meets with such a noble instance of unflinching adherence to religious principle. In a note to me, Rolf says that when travelling as interpreter he sold 6 Bibles and 234 Testaments, besides which I furnished him with a quantity of tracts for distribution. I rejoice to say that he has just been appointed chief engineer of a steamer between here and Drammen, which does not run on Sundays."

In Sweden the total issues for the year have been 60,198, being an increase of 4,226 over the circulation of 1868. Few countries in Europe are better supplied with the Scriptures than Sweden. 1,472,074 vols. have been circulated by the Bible Society. 1,151,742 have been issued by the Swedish Bible Society. This has been done among a population of four millions.

Only 50,491 vols. (in more than twelve different languages) have, during 1869, been circulated in Russia. Looking at its vast population, one is tempted to say, "What are they among so many?" Still there are hopeful symptoms. The emancipation of the Serfs is gradually being followed by a system of education, which must increase the demand