

God buries his servants and carries on *His* work by other instruments.

The Report says :

"The war, while imparting new life to the work, created also many embarrassments. The Committee were desirous that every available means should be seized to distribute the Scriptures largely amongst the soldiers, who were being hurried forward to the German frontiers. Authority was given to M. de Pressense to distribute single Gospels to any extent gratuitously, and greatly to reduce the price of the Bible and Testament in favor of the military ; while, with regard to hospitals, where the sick and wounded would be accommodated, free distribution of Testaments, as well as Portions, was sanctioned. At the period of M. de Pressense's leaving Paris, he reported that 150,000 copies had been circulated in immediate connection with the war, and the circulation proceeded rapidly subsequently to that date.

"During the months of September, October and November, the issues from the Paris Depot, confined necessarily to Paris and the immediate suburbs, were 58,351, including 807 Bibles, 12,954 Testaments, 678 Gospels and Acts, and 43,912 Portions.

"The total circulation in France during the year, through the Society's own agency, has been as follows:—Bibles, 13,868 ; New Testaments, 79,693 ; the four Gospels and Acts, bound in one volume, 10,012 ; Portions, 369,280—forming an aggregate of 472,353 copies."

Passing Belgium and Holland and proceeding to Germany, the Report remarks :

"GERMANY.—The statistics of circulation, which embrace the operations of the past year, combine figures such as it never fell to the lot of any agent of the Society to announce. They are given as follows:—Bibles, 72,020 ; Testaments, 575,495 ; Portions, 376,716—the total being 1,024,230. The colporteurs' sales included 37,342 Bibles, 198,754 Testaments, and 8,481 Portions—or a total of 244,577 copies. The circulation through the

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