

Berlin, no less than 293,770 copies of the Scriptures have been issued. The necessity of a division of labor in so extensive a country was soon apparent, and the wisdom of such a course has been proved by the successful results. The district of the Cologne agency includes North West Germany; that of Frankfort comprehends Southern Germany and French and German Switzerland; and that of Berlin the remainder of the country from the Baltic to the Adriatic, and from the Alps to the Danubian Principalities, with all the varieties of people and language. These agencies employ able and zealous Colporteurs whose labors are to be found in every village where they are permitted to ply their avocation without restraint. But in large portions of this country, particularly in the dominions of the Austrian Empire, comparatively little impression has been made, owing to the official exclusion of the free distribution of the Bible. The Committee indulged the hope, two years since, that this restriction had been rescinded, and that the government would allow formally the introduction of the blessed Gospel of our Lord and Savior, but that hope has proved a vain one. Every effort has been made for permission to open depôts for the sale of the scriptures, but as yet no answer has been given, and at the expiration of two years, it would seem as if the Bible must be as rigorously shut out of Austria as ever.

From the SCANDINAVIAN KINGDOMS there come tidings of great success, particularly from Sweden, in which it is said the past year has developed larger results arising from the circulation of the Word of Life than had been previously realized.

The most important and interesting fact to be stated in connection with the spread of the Gospel in the immense Empire of RUSSIA, is the publication, in a complete form, of