

ROME.

AN ITALIAN BIBLE SOCIETY has been formed at Rome, in connection with the Parent Society. It is proposed to hold a public meeting in March to further its objects

MADAGASCAR.

Information has reached the Committee from the Rev. W. E. Cousins, of Antananarivo, respecting the circulation of the Scriptures in this important sphere of Missionary labour. The Marginal Reference New Testament was received with extraordinary joy. The edition is in great demand, and promises to be an invaluable help to the Christian converts in leading them to clear and connected views of Divine truth. The cheap edition of the Malagasy Bible, with revised orthography, now printing by the Society, will soon be completed, and will prove, it is believed, an important facility in furthering the spread of Scriptural knowledge. Mr. Cousins remarks :—

“I should have written to you earlier, but have been waiting till the half-yearly report of our Mission Press was ready. I now enclose you a copy. The cases of Testaments &c. came to hand in good condition. When I wrote in August of last year asking for more Testaments with marginal references, we were not aware that large shipments had already been made.

“You will see from our report what has been effected in Scripture circulation. We have sold 1,882 Testaments with marginal references, and find them much prized by the natives generally, especially by the preachers. A steady demand for them still continues. The portions of the New Testament you sent us (Luke, Acts and Corinthians) have been extremely useful. We have considered the present circumstances of the country, and the liberal instructions you have given us, a sufficient warrant for distributing them gratuitously. More than 10,000 copies were given away during the half-year. The distribution has been made chiefly among the poorer of our converts in the country districts, and among our school children. They have been given, almost without exception, to those who could read; and chiefly to those who had only just learned to do so. This is a hopeful sign for Madagascar, and I have little doubt that the majority of those who have received a Gospel, or the Acts of the Apostles, will not rest satisfied until they become possessed of complete Testaments or Bibles. We thank you most heartily for having generously sent us such a useful supply, and we cannot but hope that great good will result from this increasing circulation of the words of eternal life.

“It was with great pleasure, too, we learned from the invoice of August 3rd, 1871, that 72 cases of sixpenny Testaments are on the way to us. These will meet the wants of many, both on account of their cheapness and their convenient size.”

LABRADOR.

The printing of the entire Bible in the Eskimo language is now happily completed, the concluding portions having recently passed through the press. The Society has thus had the privilege of providing the whole of God's Word for those successful Missions which have been conducted for more than a century, by the self-denying and laborious brethren of the Moravian Church, on the coasts of Labrador. The poor Eskimos, once so ignorant and degraded, have been elevated and richly blessed through the knowledge of Divine truth. The translation of the Scriptures is due to the efforts of the same Mission. The Secretary of the Moravian Missionary Society, in acknow-