

ial New Testament and Psalms last year promised to the Widows and Parents of the fallen in battle, have been distributed and received with the utmost gratitude. The Emperor of Germany thanked the Agent warmly for supplying his army with the Word of God, and himself accepted a New Testament as the Father of the Army, in memory of his fallen sons. So that from the Imperial Palace to the humblest cottage, and from the metropolis to the utmost limits of the empire, these books have been presented to persons of every rank and station, and have cheered many a desolate heart with the consolations of the gospel.

SPAIN. Naturally a Christian audience wants to hear of the labors of the Society in this country, once so priest-ridden and enslaved, but now so free and so favored with the means of grace. Of the work in the Capital the Agent speaks most hopefully. He states that it is a cause of much thankfulness to those who are laboring in the capital in behalf of Christ, that the gospel is being freely proclaimed to large and attentive Congregations, and that the scriptures are extensively circulated. Thirty Colporteurs have been engaged in ten centres of operation, and a total of 87,892 volumes have been sold, besides the gratuitous supply of Scriptures to various Schools, and sixteen Pulpit Bibles given to as many Congregations, whose Pastors acknowledged the gift with many thanks. Let us continue to pray that Spain may receive the truth as it is in Jesus, in her council halls, churches and cottages, for never since the period of the Reformation had she such a wide door open,—Colporteur and preacher both laboring and no man forbidding.

ITALY. Having already adverted to Italy, we shall only here notice that in Rome the issues from the depot have amounted to twenty thousand volumes. An Italian Bible Society was formed last March, presided over by a Christian gentleman, Rear-Admiral Fishbourne, and addressed by Mr. Bruce the agent, Gavazzi and Father Hyacinthe himself. The latter speaker advocated the claims of the Italians to the possession of the Scriptures in their own language and enforced the reading of the Bible as a duty and privilege upon all his hearers. "Let us turn to its pages," he exclaimed, "if we would be lifted up socially and spiritually. Direct and vital dealings with God's word will give reality to our religious life, and will defend us both from scepticism and from superstition, from adding to God's word as well as from taking from it. Let us introduce the Bible to our families; let it be read in all our houses and preached in all our sacred edifices; thus will our religious and civil society start into new life. I heartily agree with those English and American speakers who have referred to the Bible as the secret of their national greatness. Yes, the real basis of the British Constitution is not the Magna Charta, but something more durable, namely the Bible. If Italy is to stand you must lay the same