

hundred thousand tracts have been circulated in France the past year. Very encouraging facts are continually brought to light respecting their usefulness. The *Almanac of good advice* has been circulated to the amount of 61,000 copies during the year. It is worthy of notice that his holiness, the Pope of Rome, is furthering the matter most manfully; "howbeit, he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy and cut off." The order has been given by him to the bishops of France to fulminate against the tracts. And accordingly there is great fulmination against them. But the more they are thus meddled with, the more they will not be quiet. The Pope's effort to shut them up in darkness only drags them the more effectually into light. "That which is crushed breaketh out into a viper." The Committee at Paris are about to return the Pope's kindness by publishing tracts in the Italian language, so that he is likely to have use for some of his thunders on his own side of the Alps.—*Boston Recorder*.

Information from France, through various channels, shows that many faithful *colporteurs* are laboring, in connection with Bible and Tract distribution, for the souls of men. This is the same work as is called *Tract visitation* in this country. No matter by what name it is called—it is a part of the great work which Christ has given his followers to do *every where*, if they will not slumber over it and neglect it—bringing the *living Christian into contact* with his perishing fellow-men, to use that influence *for which nothing can be substituted*, to reclaim the wandering and the lost; a work to which the Christian press, by its Bibles and Tracts, is a delightful auxiliary. This was a prominent means by which the Gospel was at first spread, and doubtless is to be a prominent means of its diffusion. in

its vitality to the end of time.—*American Tract Magazine*.

AMERICAN BOARD

Of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

The twenty eighth Annual Report of this Board, presented at the Annual Meeting lately held in Newark, N. J. contains a well-arranged and elaborate account of all their Missions in different parts of the world. We select the following:—

GREECE.

During the past year, a violent opposition has been excited, by designing men, against the *Americans*, under which appellation all Protestant Missionaries and Bible Agents were included, from whatever part of the world they may have come. This has not only pervaded Greece, but the whole Greek community. Notwithstanding this, Dr. King writes, at the commencement of the present year, that he was never so much encouraged in his mission. From thirty to forty, which was all his room would contain, steadily attended Greek preaching on the Sabbath. He had sold and gratuitously distributed, in the twelve months past, 4,687 copies of the New Testament and parts of the Old Testament in modern Greek, and 43,322 copies of school-books and religious tracts—in all, 48,009. Add to these what Mr. Riggs distributed, and the number amounts to nearly 50,000. The other labours of the mission were as heretofore. The seminary was continued at Athens; and the two female schools at Argos contained seventy scholars.

Prof. Bambas had come forward in answer to the inflammatory tract which was the chief instrument in exciting the opposition just mentioned. His reply vindicates the reading of the word of God in modern Greek, and as translated from the Hebrew, and is said to be beautifully written.