

coming to us from the Parent Society, whose anniversary meeting in London has just been held, are of the most animating and cheering character. It will be remembered that but a little more than a twelve-month ago, came the signal announcement that the Bible had at last found an entrance into Rome; and at the anniversary meeting of the Parent Society last year, one of the speakers—I think it was the Bishop of Gloucester—alluded in glowing and eloquent terms, to that memorable entry. How, as the Italian army burst open the gates and effected an entrance into Rome, at the same time, through one of the gates, the Porta Pia, five faithful colporteurs of the British and Foreign Bible Society entered with their precious burden of the Holy Scriptures; and through another gate, the Porta Giovanni, another of the brave band, six faithful men in all, armed with no weapons of worldly warfare, but carrying with them the precious life-giving Word of God, went into the city, and not in the name of any earthly sovereign, but in that of the King of Kings, our Lord and Master, took possession thereof.

And now, at this year's anniversary meeting, we have the noble chairman, the Earl of Shaftesbury, announcing that the Italians have resolved to form a National Bible Society for themselves; that the scheme had been launched at a public meeting amid great enthusiasm; and that it had been determined to begin by printing an edition of the New Testament in Rome!

In other parts of Europe, too, the work of the Parent Society has been carried on with increased vigour and success. In France, the circulation of the Scriptures through the agency of the Society, had amounted to 250,000 copies during the past year, and in Germany to 490,000; and this be it remembered, altogether irrespective of many thousands of memorial copies of the Testament and the Psalms, distributed, as tokens of Christian sympathy, to the widows and parents of those of both nations who had fallen in the late war. Indeed, including these, and the copies sold or given to the soldiers when in the field, the total number of copies of the Scriptures distributed in Germany alone, through the agency of the British and Foreign Bible Society, since the beginning of the late war, would amount to very nearly a million! In connection with the Society's work in Germany, it may not be uninteresting to mention, that the Emperor of Germany not only expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Society's agent, Mr. Davis, in a long personal interview, for the care bestowed upon his soldiers in supplying them with the Word