

Society started in Rome. Well then may we reiterate the language of the Psalmist, and say, "The Lord hath done marvellous things, his right hand and his holy arm have gotten him the victory." For five years ago, who could have predicted such a result? And we may now contemplate another mentioned in the same psalm, "All the ends of the earth beholding the salvation of our God." That latter is not now, humanly speaking, more improbable than the one already gained, viz: Bibles sold and a Society formed within the city of Rome. Thus may every barrier to the spread of God's word be soon thrown down, and His saving health be known among all nations.

The last annual meeting of the Parent Society held in Exeter Hall, in May, and presided over by that venerable friend and patriot, the Earl of Shaftesbury, was a decided success. The receipts from all sources for the past year amounted to a grand total of £184,196 12s 2d sterling, and the total expenditure to £183,175 0s 6d, and in his address the noble Chairman took notice of two things, first, that in these days the circulation of the Bible is not only maintained but very largely increased, and secondly, that the scriptures have been introduced not merely into Italy, but into the city of Rome itself. "It is a matter of great importance (he remarks) that the Bible is now triumphant in Italy over the Syllabus and Encyclical. It is a matter of great importance that the Italians have met together to demand a Bible Society for themselves. It is a remarkable thing that the overthrow of the temporal power is the first grand step towards the final overthrow of the papacy. The overthrow of the temporal power has been effected mediately by the hand of men, that of the spiritual power cannot be far distant, but it is reserved for that holy hand of God, to which it is your duty, your service, and your joy to give increasing and the widest circulation." Words like these must find a response from every Christian bosom.

It shall not be our object, in the present report, to go over the wide field embraced by the parent society's report, but only to select certain countries and lands for information as to the progress of the Bible cause; and commencing as usual with France, the unsettled state of that country has operated injuriously to the spread of the Society's publications,—however the issues during the year have reached nearly a total of two hundred and sixty thousand volumes; and an interesting item of intelligence is conveyed to us in the offer of a Memorial Testament, presented to the Widows and Parents of those who have fallen in the late war. An Agent also has been appointed to succeed the lamented M. DePressense, in the person of Mr. Monod, son of the late Rev. F. Monod.

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