

tion of Jews, men, women, and children, and surrounded the Governor's house, clamouring for vengeance on the Christians.

"The Governor, the Elkhany, being a liberal man, having summoned the brethren and questioned them as to their faith, imprisoned the ringleaders of the mob for a day, and bound them to keep the peace. Unfortunately the Elkhany was very soon after this removed, and was succeeded by a very different man, Zur Riazatein. The Jews took Yair three times before the new Governor, and each time he was fined a sum of money. They beat him severely in the street. They took him again to the Governor, who, without asking a question, ordered him to be bastinadoed 'till his foot dropped off.' Fortunately the chief executioner was afraid of the Christians. After being beaten he was imprisoned for two days and fined. When they were going to beat him he said: 'If you think to make me deny Jesus by beating me you are mistaken, for if you cut off my head I will confess Him with my last breath.'

"His foes next got an order from the Mujtehid (Mahomedan chief priest) that Yair should give up his shop. The native pastor, who fought nobly throughout, saved him for the time from this. The British Agent in Hamadan and the Governor have now told the Christians that they must sell their homes, leave the quarter of the town they live in, never go to the bath, and buy meat at the Jewish butchers' shops. As leaving their homes would be ruin to them, and several members of their families are still bigoted Jews, and are included in the order about the bath and butchers' shops, these orders have filled them with consternation.

"Hyim and his friends have had several interviews with the Mahomedan Mollahs, and always had the best of the argument. This movement among the Jews will most probably be, if looked after, a most important and powerful witness to the Mahomedans, and open a door for Mission work among them.

"There are at present forty men and fifteen women who profess to believe in Jesus Christ. Five only have been baptized, and four are regular attendants at the Protestant church and at the Holy Communion. The others are afraid to come forward publicly on account of the injustice of the Government. There are also several others, in addition to these fifty-five, who believe in secret, but all are hindered by relations from joining the disciples.

"Hyim is a first-rate Hebrew and Persian scholar, and would be very useful for the revision of the Old Testament. He and his wife and two children suffer dreadfully, living in an attic of the house of his rich, unbelieving father and brothers. He has been well tried for five years in the fire of affliction.

"I must bear my testimony to the exemplary character of the Rev. Shimain, native Pastor of the Protestant Armenian congregation in Hamadan, and to his zeal on behalf of the Jews. He and his little flock are 'a light shining in a dark place.'"—*B. & F. Bible Society Reporter for March.*

THE BISHOP'S CREED.

I am a very old friend of this Society. For over forty years or more I have never felt the smallest doubt of the great duty, incumbent on every clergyman of the Church of England, to support the Bible Society. The first item of my creed, in relation to the Bible Society, is that the Book it endeavours to multiply and circulate is the only book given by inspiration of God.

Other books might be good, clever, and brilliant, but they are all the works of fallible men—all carry the marks of fallibility about them. I care not what kind of books are mentioned, or what class of writers are named. There