

The Secretaries reported a donation of \$50 from Mr. John Newton, of Tweed, and that gentleman was elected a life member of the Society. The Permanent Secretary reported an interview with Mr. McCrae, the Secretary of the Guelph Branch, in which that gentleman strongly advised a reduction in the price of the "Gleanings for the Young," which he had been endeavouring to get circulated in the Sabbath Schools. After some discussion, the price was reduced to \$1.50 per dozen per annum. Agents and Colporteurs' reports were submitted, and other routine business transacted, and the meeting was closed with prayer led by the Rev. T. C. Desaires.

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### EXTRACTS FROM THE PARENT SOCIETY'S LAST ANNUAL REPORT.

#### TURKEY.

Colporteur Herringer, who labours in Central Bulgaria, finds the school teachers, who possess great influence, generally favourable. At Rahova on the Danube they had introduced Genesis as a reading book. At Vratza, further south, he was received with great cordiality—

"The reason being that during the war, when a large number of people from Vratza were apprehended on suspicion, sent to Rustchuk, and lodged in prison there to await their trial, Messrs. Krzossa and Herringer exerted themselves to the utmost in their behalf, and not in vain. Such conduct on the part of men whom they had always regarded with suspicion at once convinced them how greatly they had been mistaken, and won for the Bible universal favour."

At Pravadi a man said, "Your books are bad; they are opposed to our religion." "Then," replied a Russian subaltern, who stood by, "it must be your religion that is bad, not the books."

At Sistova your colporteur was much encouraged.

"Several soldiers came to his lodgings and bought, one telling him that six months before he knew nothing of the truth; but that then he found at Osmanbazar a lad who had a Bible, which they read together, and from it he had learned what the Gospel was. Several soldiers, he found, loved the Bible, and had to bear no small opposition from their fellows.

"A lad from the village of Organi bought a Bible and a Testament, saying, 'A precious treasure they are; but we are as sheep without a shepherd!'"

Grunberg is a colporteur whose movements have been chiefly among his own people, the Jews.

"At Shumla a Jewish banker asked him what profits the Protestants expected to get from printing Bibles and selling them so cheap. 'Fifteen years ago,' said Grunberg, 'I was at Shumla, and saw vast quantities of stones cast into the sea, and was ready to think it lost labour. But two years later I found there a beautiful bridge built on the foundations formed by those stones. And so with the Bible Society's work among all nations.'

Grunberg naturally went everywhere, first to his Jewish brethren, and seems to have reasoned with them with great wisdom and truth. Thus when a Jew said, "We want a Messiah, like the Prince of the Bulgarians, 'Can your prince,' asked Grunberg, 'forgive your sins, or even his own? Must he not rely on Jesus Christ? What would avail you then with God to have a prince like him!'"

The labours of Colporteur Misaelides have been in and around Smyrna. His journal gives pleasant glimpses of the man himself and the people he meets.

"An Albanian who was present said, 'But for this Society a New Testa-