

patriarchs and saints of our highly honoured, though now despised and persecuted nation."

In Egypt, a Mr. Osterang has been for a few months engaged in the work of colportage. He made six tours in different districts of the Nile and Delta, selling 550 vols., of which 197 were Bibles, 59 New Testaments, 194 Gospels, and 67 Psalms.

From *Syria* and *Palestine* the information received is imperfect. But, the work of the Bible Society is limited, and the opposition is considerable. The sales by Colporteurs in about twenty months only amounted to 275 vols. The total issues from the Depot at Damascus were 552 copies.

In *Turkey*, 18,955 vols. have been sold during the year, but more than 5,000 of these have been purchased by other Bible Societies. Still 13,473 copies, in more than twenty different languages, have been sold, chiefly to the peasantry of the country, for which £702 12s. 4d. have been received.

Of the results of the labours of a Colporteur fifty-two miles west of Constantinople, Dr. Thompson, the Agent, says:

"The sales accomplished were encouraging, but far more so was the intercourse enjoyed with several individuals, chiefly Greeks, who seemed to be sincerely desirous of knowing the truth, and some of whom had already acted upon their convictions, and taken a stand against prevailing error. One Greek in particular, who also showed your Colporteur the most liberal hospitality, had packed up in a sack the pictures of the saints, which had formerly been regarded by himself and his family as sacred objects. Among the clergy, too, he found a friendly disposition, but in several cases deplorable ignorance, which, of course, rendered them far less influential for good than they might have been. But if such was your Colporteur's experience in several towns and villages, he met with a different reception at Erekli, a small port on the Sea of Marmora. Here the cunning falsehood and injustice he encountered made him almost forget the more pleasing phase of the Greek character. Still the result of the whole was highly satisfactory, and, if the Lord will, it is proposed to visit the same district a little earlier this year."

In no part of Turkey have the Scriptures been more cordially received than in *Bulgaria*. The book of Genesis has in *Whidden* been introduced as a Class Book into the