

up supplies. In consequence we are very busy. There is a terrible amount of sickness among the troops, and one fine young man, a Russian, who had been handed over to me by Mr. Watt as a colporteur, has fallen a victim to his work. He was carried off by typhus after a short illness of a few days.

"To supply the thousands of sick and dying men I have been obliged to appropriate 5,000 Russ Gospels and Acts from a New Testament lately completed."

"The issues amongst the Russians in my agency from July 1877 to the 22nd June 1878 have amounted to 202,321 copies!" B. & F. B. S. Reporter.

MORE FUNDS WANTED.

In a letter received a few days ago from the Rev. S. B. Bergne, Secretary of the Parent Society, he says.

"My dear Mr. Baldwin.—The remittance contained in your letter of Sept. 27th, was at once acknowledged and we have to thank you for bearing our wants' mind. Funds are not flowing in as we could desire, and to meet our liabilities we have been compelled to take up loans at our Banker's,—a process we do not like, but which cannot always be avoided. Large sums are needed to meet our current wants * * * *

"Our war work goes on still, as there is an immense Russian army South of the Danube, and our colporteurs find ample scope for their labours. The expense of the work, however, is enormous and we wince under the heavy drafts on our exchequer. Things are depressed here, and money does not flow in so plentifully as it flows out."

When the old land is threatened with war our young men are ever ready to volunteer to fight for her against any foe. Shall not we Christians of Canada be as ready to stand by our grand Parent Bible Society, and sustain her to the utmost of our ability on occasions like these, when she is obliged to seize upon opportunities, while doors are open which may soon be closed. It is true we can still talk of "hard times," and perhaps not without reason; but if we look all over the world and see the wars, famines and pestilences that others have been suffering, and look at the mercies which have abounded in this Canada of ours, surely our hearts will be filled with gratitude and our tongues with praise; and if these are genuine our hands will not be empty, but we shall desire to bring thank-offerings to our God in some shape or other.

PERSIA.

The grant of £100 recently made for colportage to the Rev. J. Bassett, of Teheran, has been well applied. He has made a journey to Meshed, which city is "the farthest east of any place in which a person can remain with tolerable security; or, rather, it is the most accessible point on the border of the Turcoman country, and where large numbers of Turcomans of the various tribes are constantly coming and going."

WHOLESALE WORK.

"Two colporteurs with two horseloads of your books came with me. I directed them not to attempt to sell books in Persian, until they should reach Meshed; because we have found, that, when colporteurs have started for a desirable point, and distributed Scriptures on the way, their fame has preceded them, and the Moollahs have prepared to make them trouble. The first day here our men sold nearly one load of books composed of Scriptures in Hebrew and Persian. I advised them to sell the books at once to anyone who was willing to purchase all, as there is great risk incurred here, and the danger would be heightened by attempting to sell single copies to those who might come for them, as they would delay the work and be more likely to attract attention."