

hundreds yea thousands in the hospitals to obtain a copy of God's Word is an evidence that a solemn work is going on. It is not only that very many thankfully and devoutly receive the Holy Scriptures, but it is evidently that thousands are fully aware that, they are as it were, standing on the brink of Eternity, and that they are seeking for comfort and strength in God's Word to sustain them in their awfully solemn position. When we turn to TURKEY the scene changes. Colportage well nigh paralyzed for many months. Notwithstanding this fact some of the colporteurs state that their sales have increased. One of them gives a forcible testimony to the power of the Bible, alluding to the old rancorous feeling of the Greeks he writes that they would not let their children read much of the Bible, as it would make them too kind and forgiving, and quite unfit them for fighting the Turks and achieving their emancipation.

And now leaving Europe we pass to SYRIA and PALESTINE. In both countries Bible work is more extensive. The Jesuits of Syria, out of self-defence, are now issuing what they call a more correct Arabic Version of the Bible. The scene which is next laid in EGYPT is encouraging—Notwithstanding commercial depression the sales of this year exceed those of 1875 by 481 copies. A colporteur has been employed with success along the Suez Canal. ABYSSINIA'S troubles with Egypt have retarded the good work in that country—but we trust only for a season. One who has laboured in the country writes, "We have much cause for thankfulness to God for the mercies he has shown to the poor Abyssinians, especially for having given them His Holy Word in their native tongue. We are also under great obligations to those who have been instrumental in sending the Bible to Abyssinia." Yes hundreds from the King to the peasant feel thankful for God's Word.

EAST AFRICA opened up by the splendid discoveries of Livingstone is fast receiving attention. In SOUTH AFRICA God's Word is certainly honored. Rev. Dr. Robertson states that 8,636 volumes were issued during the year. Sales amounted to £1,682. 2. 11 out of which £550 have been sent to the Parent Society as a Free contribution and £702. 8 on Purchase account. The Bible women in Cape Town have sold 630 copies and gathered several contributions, whilst the 25 branches have done well, especially through the exertions of the various Ladies committees. The Rev. A. Mabile of Basutoland writes "There is just now an hunger after the Book of God"—many travel 50 to 100 miles to get this Book. Truly "the Lord God is opening Africa up, and doing wonders for its many tribes and nations, which have been so long sitting in darkness and heathendom.

MADAGASCAR. The accounts from this country are cheering. Scripture leaven fast undermining Jesuit influence. There is a great work before us in this extensive Island. The fields fast ripening for the harvest. "At times," one writes "our hearts al-