

excluded from two of the most important pashalics of Bulgaria—viz., Silistria and Widdin. Although your Agent, Dr. Thomson, has sought redress for these grievances at the hands of the authorities, and has appealed for protection to our own embassy, Protestant Christians and Bible Colporteurs still remain exposed to those acts of persecution and injustice which, though they are a reproach to the nation by which they are sanctioned, and a grievous wrong to the people by whom they are endured, cannot impede the onward march of truth, or retard beyond its appointed time in the councils of heaven, the final triumphs of the Redeemer's kingdom.

In the midst of such discouragement it is no small gratification to be able to report a circulation exceeding that of the previous year by 1,821 copies. This increase is principally due to the occupation of new ground, and to the steady development of the Society's operations in the provinces previously occupied; results, however, which would have been most difficult to attain but for the active zeal and untiring energy with which the Rev. Dr. Thomson has devoted himself to the work.

Your Committee are most thankful to be able to record the favourable reception which has been given to the volume of the Gospels and Acts in Turkish, published last year under the editorial care of the Rev. Dr. Schaufier. It has been generally acknowledged to be written in an idiomatic Turkish style, dignified yet easy of comprehension, and marked by close faithfulness to the sense of the original. Arrangements are now nearly completed for sending to press an edition of the whole New Testament, with marginal references, at the joint expense of our own and the American Bible Society. Dr. Schaufier is also engaged in the more arduous task of preparing the Old Testament for the press, in a similar manner; and your Committee earnestly pray that it may please God to give him both strength and wisdom for the successful completion of so important a work.

#### INDIA.

India has so long been connected in the minds of our fellow-countrymen with that Company which, till within a late period, received its revenues and administered its affairs, that comparatively few, it is believed, realise the fact that it extends from the Indus to the frontiers of Burmah, and from Cape Comorin to the Himalayas, that it contains an area of nearly 800,000 square miles, and embraces a population of 180 millions. And yet, from whatever point of view we regard this country, the vast extent of territory which it embraces cannot but form a prominent feature in the landscape. He who merely thinks of Indian commerce and Indian domination, those prizes which for many years have excited the covetousness, and roused the ambition of European nations, may well stand in awe of the magnitude, as well as the magnificence of such an Empire, and bow with reverence before that God through whose wondrous Providence we first possessed, and still retain it. Whilst he whose thoughts are occupied with subjects of a nobler nature—who, whilst counting up the millions of India, connects their being with their well-being, their present existence with their spiritual and eternal welfare—must needs be humbled at the remembrance of the little which English piety has done for the diffusion of

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