

call of the bishop. Many of the people were also in deep sympathy with these brothers. The result of the entrance of this copy of the Bible into that village is that a very interesting work of grace is now in progress in that place.

Not many months ago a family of Bulgarians from a village near Samakov moved into that city for a brief residence. A Protestant neighbor became quite ill soon after, and the mother of the family proffered assistance in the care of the sick man. He had his Bible near his bed, and read out of it as he was able, and often spoke of it to the woman, telling her what treasures of good things the Bible contained. Sometimes he read to her, and she listened attentively, and soon desired to read herself. The result was a radical change in her views and conduct. Her family noticed the change and taunted her with being a Protestant. She, however, remained firm and true to her new convictions. Her husband and his mother became severe and even violent in their persecution of the poor woman. Various priests and the bishop visited her, and made unsuccessful efforts to persuade her to give up the reading of the Bible and return to the old church. They then persuaded the husband to take his wife and whole family back to their village, hoping thus to win her back to the old faith, but the villagers were indignant that a Protestant Bible reader should be brought among them, and ere long they insisted that the woman be driven forth from their village. The husband and his mother joined in this, and the poor woman was obliged to go. She went immediately to Samakov, rejoicing to be counted worthy to suffer for Christ. Friends received her and provided her with means to earn her bread. Not many days elapsed ere the village teacher came to intercede with her to change her course. She told him that she was ready to do anything but give up her Bible and her Saviour. Soon the husband and his mother came for her, saying: "Why should so good a wife and mother not be at home with her children when she had no other fault than reading sometimes out of a book that she so much loved? It was surely a good book, for the more she read it the better wife and mother she became." The family is now united and happy, and the Bible is honored and loved by all.

REASONS WHY THE BIBLE SOCIETY SHOULD BE SUPPORTED.

Dr. Vaughan, the Dean of Llandaff, recently presented six reasons why the British and Foreign Bible Society should be supported. We reproduce them, as given in the *Monthly Reporter*, because they are also reasons why our own Bible Society should be supported:

1. In an age of combinations it sets the example of an entirely disinterested combination for entirely spiritual purposes. I know of no society of which this can be said with greater truth. In an age marked by combinations—from strikes upwards—it is a great thing that there should be combinations for God and for truth, and I challenge contradiction when I say that it is a disinterested combination. It enlists the spontaneous labors of a multitude of workers. It is not only disinterested, but philanthropic; and not only philanthropic, but directed altogether to spiritual purposes.

2. It usurps no doubtful province, removes no landmarks of church or congregation, but occupies a ground entirely safe as well as comprehensive. A society of this kind might be suspected of a tendency to form itself into a sect; but it does not. It occupies a broad ground on which all churches may meet, without any fear of treason to their own church, or in any way trenching upon the province of the divinely appointed instructors. The office of the society is not, directly speaking, to instruct, but to furnish the *pabulum* of all instruction—to spread everywhere that without which the instructor talks in vain; it is to make it possible for the various churches to teach.

3. It asserts liberty to use God's light and air; maintains the right, duty,