

"One morning, before break of day, as I was riding down from Zachleh to Beirut, to avoid travelling in the great heat of the day, we had to stop at a toll-bar on the Damascus road. The man was fast asleep within, and it was long before we could make him hear. Georgius said, this poor man is a Maronite; he was complaining one day to Mr. M——, when he stopped there *en route*, that he was miserable; he was alone in that solitary toll-bar, and had nobody to speak to. Mr. M—— told him he need not be alone,—had he a Bible? No. A Testament? No. Finding he could read, Mr. M—— gave him a Testament. When the man came to the door and saw Georgius, his first inquiry was, how is the Howadje? He said he was another man since M—— had given him his large Arabic Testament; that he had read it twice all through, and was now reading it for the third time; that he never felt lonely now; that his brother, who was a teacher at Suk el Gherb, sometimes came to see him, and that he had been so delighted with the Testament, that he had bought one for himself, and was now teaching it to his boys."

OF BRITISH INDIA the parent Committee say that if there is one country in the world under British sway, to which more than another England is solemnly bound to extend the benefits of Christianity, that country is India. The responsibility so obviously manifest cannot be evaded, without incurring the charge of grievous inconsistency and enormous guilt. From the Society it has received a more than usual amount of attention and assistance during the past year, and the result of their labours has been most cheering.

CHINA too, is now one of the most encouraging fields for Bible circulation. It was never more open to receive the Word of God, than at the present moment, and never was christian duty in relation to that vast empire, more clear and impressive. Year by year there are decisive indications that the stern abhorrence of foreigners, so long a serious barrier to friendly intercourse with the natives, is fast fading away.