

he said, to catch the eye of those who dropped in ; and when a copy was returned, would say, " Well, now, as this book is a little worn, if you want to buy it, I will let you have it for less than the cost." In this way the gospel leaven was introduced to many a village.

Menzar's wife was a pleasant, winning little woman, whom I had occasionally seen in my meetings at the other side of the city ; but I did not know who she was, till one day, when visiting an aged Christian, I found her by the bedside ; and when she had modestly slipped from the room the good mother said, " That is Yeghsa, the blacksmith's wife ; she often comes to sit with me, and reads the Bible and prays."—*The Romance of Missions.*"

THE WAR IN THE EAST.

The Committee have forwarded instructions to their Agents in Austria and Turkey to do all in their power to circulate the Scriptures among the people of the disturbed provinces. But the difficulties are great and numerous. The colporteurs apply in vain to those whose minds are bent wholly upon strife, and the authorities are at such a time peculiarly suspicious of any work supported from abroad. So far as Servia is concerned, the Bible is no unknown book. In the Society's Report for 1875 it was stated that " the Servian field has been now for many years under cultivation, and the wonder is that the demand remains so steady. Those who know and follow the Lord Jesus form a compact and growing band, whose influence is considerable. The power of their religion is felt ; and the Book which is their one confession of faith and sole code of laws, is regarded by their neighbours with awe."

Provision for the sick and wounded : as been offered through Dr. Laeron, to whom the Committee have granted Scriptures to as large an extent as may be found needful.

Bulgaria, the scene of the recent atrocities, has long been cared for by the Society. There is a principal depot at Rustchuck, and three colporteurs work respectively in the eastern, central and western divisions of the country. The Committee trust that they may be able to strengthen this agency at the present juncture. But their friends will not need to be reminded that the difficulty is not how to send in a vast number of copies—for that would be easy—but how to provide that the number sent in shall be judiciously distributed, with a reasonable probability of their being read and valued.—*British and Foreign Bible Society Reporter for September.*

AN OLD COLLECTOR.

Miss Ann Dresser, of Thirsk, Yorkshire, has sent £5 to the Society on the occasion of her withdrawing from the office of collector, which she has held for fifty-two years. But Mr. Edwards tells of an older helper still :—

"The Association at Ulpha, in the beautiful valley bearing that name, has been mentioned in previous years as containing probably the oldest collector for the Bible Society in England. Miss Susan Wilson, now ninety years of age, still delights to work for the Society, and acted as collector last year, though a violent thunderstorm prevented her, with many others, from going to the meeting. At Kendal, the much esteemed President of the Auxiliary, W. D. Crewdson, Esq., was absent from the meeting in consequence of serious illness, and it was stated that the chair had been occupied by father and son bearing the same names, at successive anniversaries, for a period of fifty years. A note received from him and read at the meeting bore testimony to his undiminished interest in the Society's great work, and it also enclosed a liberal donation towards the collection. Long may such friends be spared to us, and may their bright example lead many more to follow in their footsteps."—*British and Foreign Bible Society Reporter.*