

was satisfied of the untruthfulness of the charge. As might be expected, the number of pupils attending the school kept by the lawyer's daughter is lessened. May the Lord sustain and bless them as they pass through trial."

TURKEY has always been an interesting field for the Society's operations, and it is pleasing to observe from the report, that the distribution of Scriptures during the past year has amounted to 20,338 copies. These have been disseminated among the varied populations of this extensive country—among the bigoted Mahometans as well as the ignorant Christians.

IN SYRIA and PALESTINE there is ground for much encouragement. In Jerusalem, the depôt of Scriptures is still on Mount Zion, and many incidents of great interest occur within its walls, revealing either a yearning desire to know the Word of God, or to diffuse it. Mr. Bruce, when in Jerusalem wrote as follows:—

"Mr. Shapira showed me a coat which has an interesting history connected with it. About a twelvemonth ago, an Armenian came to the book-shop, and purchased some Russian Testaments to give away to his fellow-countrymen. He returned again and again, until at last his stock of money was exhausted. Then he determined to part with his large great-coat, which was lined throughout with fur. It was purchased by a Jewish proselyte, and again the Armenian returned to the book-store and laid out the whole of the money in New Testaments, which he distributed, as before, among his countrymen. It is needless to say that he was a pious, earnest man, who was anxious to do good."

At Beyrout, Mrs. Thompson, whose efforts for the Christian education of the people, are so well worthy of encouragement, has been furnished with supplies of Scriptures on several occasions. In acknowledging the bounty of the Society, she introduces an anecdote styled, "The Word of God the best company in solitude:—"