

man told him he found in the Bible notices of the Millennium, of which there were none in the Koran. He was much interested on hearing of the new Turkish Bible now in the course of preparation, and promised to procure purchasers for it. Again, near the Seven Towers, he sold a New Testament to an Imam, who expressed his great regret that the Moslems were forbidden to read the Christian Scriptures. Such incidents clearly prove that there is a desire on the part of educated and thoughtful Moslems to become acquainted with the Word of God; and we may rest assured that if they read with candour and prayer, the self-evidencing power of the Word will, with the converting grace of God, bring conviction and light and peace to their souls. Bigoted, moreover, as the Ulemas or doctors of the Mohammedan law, generally are, inquirers are to be found even amongst them; for Goldstein sold a New Testament to a Turk within the precincts of St. Sophia itself. Indeed, it would seem as if your Society were the agency best of all fitted to reach Mohammedans, who can rarely be expected to come to the preaching of the Gospel.

Goldstein has also had a good deal of intercourse with a Bulgarian Bishop, who now resides in Ortakioy without any pastoral charge. He is a man of some learning, was educated in Germany, and speaks German, and seems quite inclined to evangelical truth, but deficient in courage and energy. Your agent called upon him one day, and found him all that Goldstein had described—favourable to the circulation of the Scriptures and the diffusion of education, strongly opposed to the pharisaical spirit that pervaded all the ordinances and ceremonies of the Greek church, but, though assenting to the doctrine of free justification through faith in the one perfect atoning Sacrifice, not grasping it with power, and failing to perceive that that one glorious truth swept away at once all the necessity for expiatory ceremonies and practices of every sort, and all their supposed efficacy. I was interested in him, but could scarcely expect him to exercise any very powerful influence. On one occasion, however, he ventured to reprove a brother Bishop for not possessing a Bible. "A Christian without the Bible," said he, "is like a soldier without his arms. With what do you exercise your authority? Is it merely with that staff of yours? My staff is the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God."

Among a people to whom all Christians owe so much as the House of Israel, it is pleasing to hear of any tokens of progress. Goldstein reports that there are five Jewish schools among the Spanish community of this city, all of them of a superior kind, exclusive of Mission schools. There is a desire for information springing up. They have begun the proper study of Hebrew, and the Hebrew Grammar and Dictionary for Spanish Jews, prepared many years ago by the Rev. Dr. Schauffler, are now at length being sought for and are used as text-books.

The other colporteur, Klonares, has laboured chiefly among his countrymen, the Greeks, but has also visited the Servians and Croates.

**BULGARIA.**—The experiences of the colporteurs are very fluctuating. Sometimes their sales are good, sometimes they meet with no success. The priests are generally against them, but the schoolmasters are more enlightened, and by their recommendation many books are sold. In illustration of this, Dr. Thomson writes:—

"At Ragova the priest told Herboldt his books were forbidden by the Bishop, and he would have nothing to do with them; but on proceeding to the school he found the teacher very friendly, and through his recommendation sold 15 copies. Proceeding next to Gargala, where a year before he could not sell a single book, he found the new teacher exceeding favourable. He recommended his pupils and all his friends to buy, 'for these books,' said he, 'contain the purest Christian instruction.' Not only so, but after the afternoon lessons were over, he proceeded with all his pupils to the room of your colporteur, and enabled him to sell 19 copies. The priest in this