

of the New Testament; and though imperfect at first, yet they were highly prized by the natives, many of whom committed the greater part to memory. After the entire New Testament was completed, and 5000 copies printed, the Old Testament was proceeded with; and as the portions were completed, they were printed by the natives; the paper being supplied by the British and Foreign Bible Society. All, excepting the minor prophets, had been translated prior to Mr. Buzacott re-visiting this country. During his residence in England, he has, with the assistance of an intelligent native, and of his own daughter, born in the island, completed the version of the entire Scriptures, with the revisal of what remained to be revised.—He very modestly declines regarding the work as perfect, but believes it will be thankfully received by the poor people for whom it is intended.

#### CIRCULATION OF THE SCRIPTURES IN THE TURKISH EMPIRE.

The demand for the Scriptures throughout Turkey is growing steadily. In the large district surrounding Erzum, more copies of the Word of God were sold the last year, than the two or three previous years put together. On a recent visit to Arabkir, forty copies might have been sold at once, if they had been on hand. This desire for the Bible is not confined to the Protestants. The very enemies of the missionaries, in some instances, seek to obtain copies through the native Protestants. Delightful cases are occurring, which show how powerfully this leaven is working, in the communities in which it is disseminated. The wonderful work of God at Aintab commenced by reading of the Scriptures, and there was a Protestant community there before a missionary visited the place. "The people took hold at once of the Word of God, read it daily and almost hourly, at home and in public, by day and by night, examined it closely, tried every question by this touchstone, and abode by its decisions. And as they began so they abounded more and more."

Recently a youth who had never come near the missionaries, nor attended any of their meetings, left Erzum, taking with him a New Testament, which he read by the way. After reaching the place of destination he taught four families to read the Scriptures, and these have since sent to the missionaries for more books and for a teacher.

Four laborers in a pottery procured a New Testament, read it together, and soon began to speak openly of what they had read. They were now called before the Bishop, charged with Protestantism, and threatened with bastinado and imprisonment. But they declared they had never seen or heard a missionary, while however they freely confessed that they were reading the Word of God, and expressed their full determination to read it, come what might. They now attend the missionaries' service, and listen to the preached word.

At Constantinople, in only six months of the present year, more than two thousand copies of the Old Testament in pure Hebrew, and Hebrew with the Spanish translation, have been disposed of, in addition to the many copies which have been put into circulation by the Scotch missionaries. What is even more encouraging, seventy copies of the New Testament have been sold to the Spanish Jews within a very few months; whereas, heretofore, they would hardly accept a dozen copies a year, as gifts.

Besides, the Bulgarians who frequent Constantinople, and Salonica, purchase large numbers of the New Testament in their own language, and in this way many copies of the Old Testament in Arminian, and many Hebrew Bibles have gone into Russia.

In view of such facts, we may well "thank God and take courage." Men may die, but "the Word of God abideth forever." The number of places in which this leaven is "hid," will be multiplied, "till the whole is leavened." Yet while there is such occasion for rejoicing that these effectual doors are opened for the circulation of the Scriptures of truth, a two-fold obligation is laid on all "who love our Lord Jesus Christ." The first is, that our prayers ascend to God "without ceasing," that his Spirit may be present to enlighten and guide those into whose hands his Word may come. In many cases, they can have, at present, no other Teacher. And so wonderful is He in his teachings, that he can cause that the lack of another shall scarcely be felt. "He can guide them into all truth," so that when the missionary comes, he will find a people prepared for the Lord. The other obligation is, that the means be furnished for circulating the Bible to the utmost extent for which there is a demand for it.—The demand at this moment is great and