

and there are a number of weekly, quarterly, and annual subscribers. The object of this Society is, to assist the Parent Society in London more widely to circulate that word which is a "light to our feet and a lantern to our path," and which has been the means, under God, of "guiding our wandering feet in the way of peace." We shall therefore be glad to be recognised by the Parent Society; and if you can send us our Bibles and Testaments in the English and Dutch languages, to the amount of *half the money now sent*, we think they may be distributed to great advantage in this part of South Africa. We shall also feel much obliged if you could send us a few Reports, by which we may be guided in our future proceedings.

From Mr. Benjamin Barker.

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 23, 1834.

I forgot to mention to you an interesting scene which took place at Smyrna, at the examination of the Rev. Mr. Brewer's Girls' School. After the children had gone through their examination extremely well, in reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, &c., they came to that of the Scriptures; and I was really surprised to find them so well versed in them. They not only readily answered a great number of questions from the New Testament, but also many from the beginning of the Bible, which the Society's Modern-Greek Genesis facilitated their doing. When all was over, and a fine display of needle-work was handed round, I observed one of the spectators, a Greek priest, looking very thoughtful; and I could not help asking him his opinion of the examination. He said he was not only extremely gratified at it, but greatly astonished at the progress of the children. "But," continued he, "I am quite ashamed of myself, to see that such young girls should know so much of the Holy Scriptures, whilst I am ignorant of them, who am a teacher of the Gospel."—I said, "How is this?" He answered: "I only learnt to read a little, and became a priest; and although I read at church the prayers and portions of the Bible, they are in ancient Greek, and I cannot understand them. I learnt more of the word of God during this short examination than I knew all my life-time; and I, who have grey hairs upon my beard, have been receiving lessons from children. How I should like to sit down with these children and learn the Scriptures!—but I am ashamed. If there was an adult school, I would gladly remain at Smyrna, and give my all to learn what I have heard this day from these little girls."—I told him that I was sorry for him that there was no such school; but I would give him a Modern-Greek New Testament, Genesis, and Psalter, which he could understand; and in which he would learn the will of God, as well as the precepts of our Lord and Savior. He was extremely pleased and thankful at this, and went away in much better spirits. This priest was from Enai; and all the time he was confessing his ignorance of the word of God he could hardly refrain from tears.

I have received a hasty note from the Rev. Mr. Brewer, acquainting me that he is just returned to Smyrna, from his tour in Asia Minor, where he distributed about 311 volumes more, belonging to our Society, by gifts and sales. He went as far as Iconium, and Karamania; and visited on his way thither and back again, Derbe, Lystra, Isbarta, Colosse, Laodicea, &c. At Isbarta he found two boxes of Scriptures, which I forwarded there to meet him. He realized from 5 to 600 piastres; and at the schools that are now, it appears, establishing in those parts, they received readily the word of God.

Monies received by Hubert Van Wagenen, Esquire, Treasurer of the American Bible Society, in the month of September, 1834.

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