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This Society exists to aid Gospel Workers by money grants in Bible Lands, but it does not initiate missions nor employ agents.

These Lands include the following countries:—

- ALBANIA**, a semi-wild country with very little witness of the Gospel.
- BULGARIA**, a country of the open door. A strong native church is valiantly proclaiming the Truth.
- GREECE**, wherein by mission enterprise an Evangelical Greek Church has been founded, which yet needs foster-help.
- MACEDONIA**, so famous in apostolic story.
- ASIA MINOR**, in which American missionaries for 90 years have won noble results among the Armenians.
- PERSIA**, once covered by Nestorian Churches, long since blotted out by Muslim conquest.
- ARABIA**, the cradle of Islam, and now entered by Christ's Missioners.
- IRAQ**, now under British mandate is open to the Gospel.
- EGYPT**, the land where for over seventy years the American U.P.M. has been greatly prospered of God.
- SUDAN**, a vast expanse of heathendom now entered with the Gospel.
- PALESTINE and SYRIA**, countries laden with the richest memories of Christ and His Apostles. Finally
- TRANSJORDANIA**, Arabs, Bedouin and wandering tribes are now approachable.

Our Funds are used for sustaining native churches, evangelisation, orphanages, educational medical, book distribution work, &c., provided that the objects and labourers be under some recognised and responsible supervision.

Bible Lands ✻ By Rev. John Palmer, Litt.D.

How full of sacred meaning are these two simple words—*Bible lands*! How the thoughtful Christian mind thrills with unique interest in their existence, when we remember the past history of these lands, and the impressions, deep and abiding, which they leave upon such minds to-day! Before speaking therefore of the noble work of the *Bible Lands Missions' Aid Society*, let us

How they speak to us across the centuries of the wisdom, providence, and love of God, not only for individuals, but for all mankind! Two of these three places speak of a Saviour who came "to seek and to save the lost" irrespective of race or clime. And not only have we in the blue waters of the Mediterranean the famous islands of Crete and Cyprus, but also the shores of classic



St. Paul's Gate, Tarsus.

dwell for a brief space on a concise survey of these lands. The sphere of the earth's surface in which they may be said chiefly to lie is between Greece and Persia, and between Egypt and Arabia, or between Macedonia and Arabia, Mount Ararat and Alexandria. But not only are *all* these places mentioned in Holy Scripture, but within this territory also lie numerous other places, which, by reason of their connection with many of the greatest events recorded in the Bible, exert an influence over the mind of the Christian student which can never pass away. Hebron, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, what a moving story do they unfold of Patriarchal, Davidic, and Jewish history and experience!

Greece washed by the same waters, while between the Mediterranean and the Black Sea are situated the sites of "the Seven Churches of Asia," Tarsus, the birthplace of St. Paul, and many other places in which the great Apostle ministered; and Antioch, where the disciples first received the ever precious name of Christians.

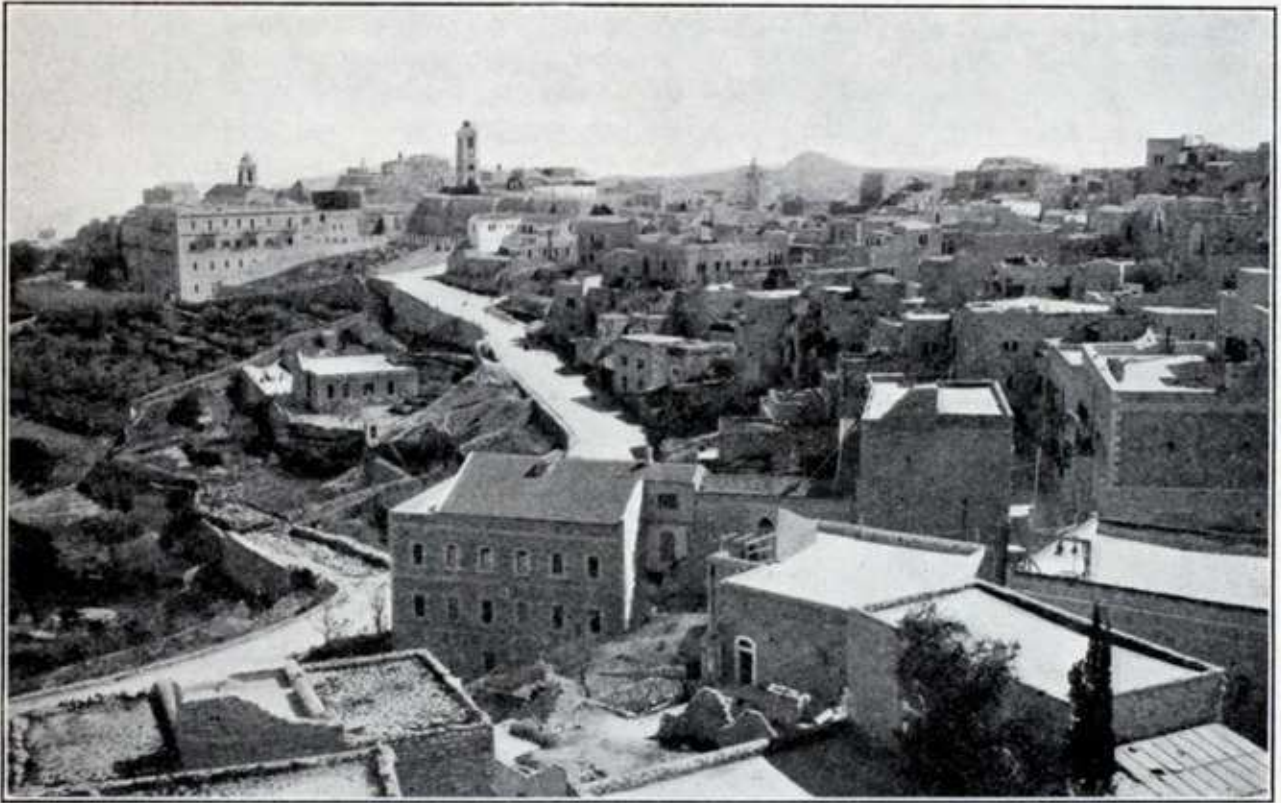
Then we have also within this territory the persecuted and ravaged land of Bulgaria, the once fair city of Smyrna, which endured "tribulation" and suffering of old (Rev. ii, 8-11), and, in these later days, a fiery devastation, and the land of Armenia, whose people, scattered and decimated, have for long centuries known little else than bitter

persecution. If the younger generation of Moslems, or "the best of them (now) hate their own race's shameful deeds, like the massacres of the Armenians," it is due directly or indirectly, in part, if not entirely, to the influence of Christian teaching, and the more widespread Spirit of Christ, the Divine Founder of Christianity, and not merely "one of the accepted prophets of their faith."

And it is in *many* places of these once famous and still deeply interesting lands,

C.T.C. Aintab now Aleppo College.

THE Board of Managers of Aleppo College have been officially informed that authorisation has been granted by decision of the High Commissioner to "reopen and conduct at Aleppo . . . the educational establishment in operation at Aintab." Thus far, the Managers have been conducting the school under the name of the "Boys' High School,"



Bethlehem.

whose sufferings on behalf of their Christian faith have left scars that can never be obliterated, that the good work of the Bible Lands Missions' Aid Society is being so successfully carried on. If anything can heal the wounds of different races and classes of mankind in "Bible Lands," and bring the blessings of the Christian Religion to those who need them, it is undoubtedly the work which is now being done by such Societies as this one.

We regret to learn of the destruction by fire of the Evangelical Church building at Samokov, Bulgaria.

although it covered the work done through the Sophomore year of a college course. As soon as certain material additions to equipment, staff and curriculum can be made, the reopening of the College as such will take place.

MAP SUPPLEMENT.

With this issue we have pleasure in presenting to our readers an enlarged map of the area covered by the Bible Lands Missions' Aid Society.

Tanta Hospital.

To those who have been giving of their money to the work of the Lord as carried on in Tanta Hospital and who have been praying as well as giving, a brief look at the efforts Evangelistically will be of interest.

Doctors, Nurses and Evangelistic workers have co-operated to make the work a blessing not only physically for to-day but spiritually for eternity. Hundreds and hundreds of men, women and children have come to the Hospital, made a stay of a week, a month or even more, and have gone. But in their stay they came into contact not only with that which benefited their bodies but with

Recently a young woman who had been living in sin came to the Hospital and had to remain for about a month. At first the Bible Woman could awaken no interest in her whatever. Her heart seemed hardened to all that was spiritual. Though the family had had a Christian name, there had evidently been no particular knowledge of Christianity. After the father died, the mother and the children, other than this girl, turned to Islam and became Mohammedans. So the state of her heart could easily be accounted for. However, day after day the Word was taught to her and soon her interest was aroused.



Tanta Hospital with Mission School beyond.

the Lord Jesus Christ as He abides in and works through His servants. The Lord had the opportunity of speaking to them through His Word every day and His Promise is that His Word shall not return unto Him void. You at the home-base and we here at the front, can rejoice together to-day in that the Lord has, during the past twelve months, been speaking daily to souls who likely would not have heard the Word had it not been for the Tanta Hospital.

Then came the day when she saw the light and she was convicted of her sins. She soon openly confessed her life and accepted Christ as her Saviour. I wish that you could have seen the happiness of the Bible Woman as a result of that, for she had been so concerned and had been praying so specially about it all. The young woman herself was afraid to go back to the town from which she had come and there live near her old associates and so asked for work in the

Hospital. The result is that she is now one of the helpers in the Women's Ward.

A man living here in Tanta had to spend many weeks in the Hospital. He heard much of the Word and was prayed for often. With all that he gave little outward evidence of being particularly influenced. However, in connection with one of my visits in his home what he said showed that he likely was very near the Kingdom, if not in it. It is extremely hard for a Mohammedan to trust even us with a confession of what is in his heart, but during that visit he told me of one of his experiences while he was in the Hospital. He said that one time after I had special prayer with him that he saw a sort of a vision. A door was open and beside it stood a man holding a cross. Into that door was entering the good people. Over in

another direction there was another door, much larger, and into it were entering the bad people, as he called them. Whatever his dream or vision meant to him, it means to us that he was being much affected by the truth he was receiving. The visit that day was very satisfactory until it was interrupted by the entrance of one of his grown sons. I hope to go and see the man soon again and try to determine more of what the Lord has accomplished in his heart.

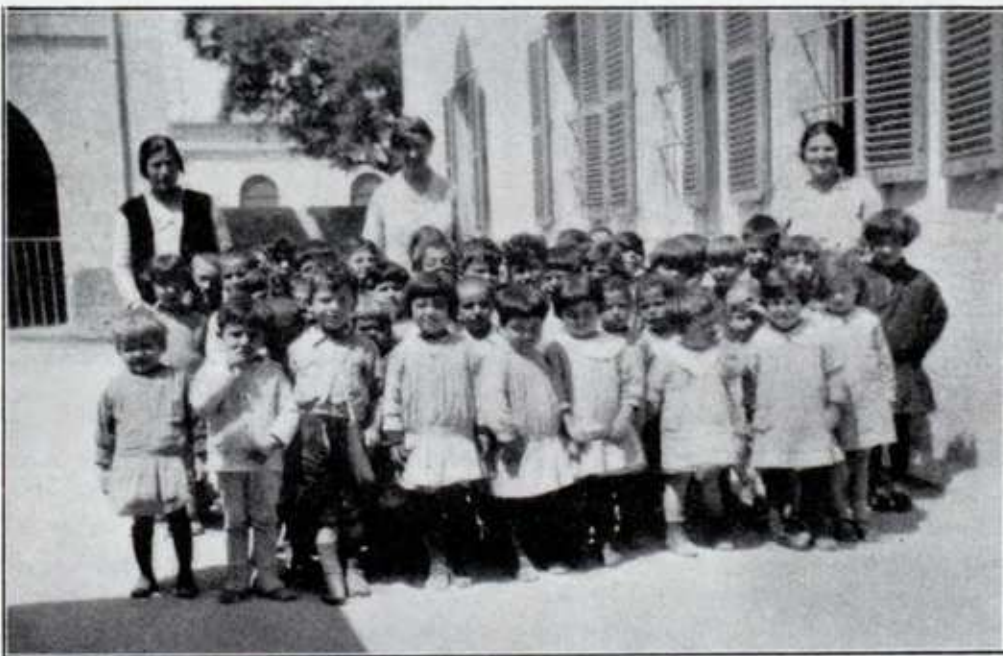
I trust that some of you will remember particularly two men who have accepted Christ as their Saviour but who feel that they cannot make a public profession of their faith. They feel that it would mean trouble in their homes and the loss of some very necessary income, and their fears seem well grounded.

Milk in Refugee Camp.

Just now we are having an increase in sickness as the weather has turned cold with torrential rains. The 139 families that we found to be in need of milk in the summer will soon be twice that, and as the winter increases so the sickness. The houses are all leaky and wet and cold with no fire.

The children we have helped have gained

in weight most amazingly. One or two babies, given up to die, have pulled up and are now unrecognisable as the same children. Unfortunately, I have no picture of them as we had some difficulties with the superstitions of the mothers. It is far beyond my wildest hopes to see these children improving even under their bad living conditions. I am



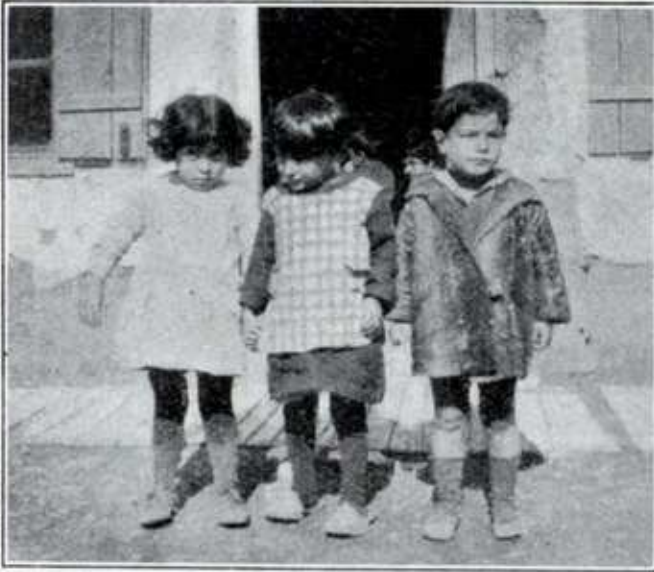
Child Welfare Centre.

always surprised to see how a little milk, a child's natural food, will make him plump and colourful. Surely, we are staying the hand of disease and undermining weakness.

For our needs this next six months we will need the rather staggering figure of 30,000 lb. of milk. This in any form, dry, condensed or evaporated, is efficient. For our many little children with enteritis, which quickly runs into a T.B. form, we are especially grateful for dry milk. But, of course, it is always good for all kinds of children's conditions, as it is good, rich, and keeps well.

The following figures will give you some idea of our results:—

Of 56 families we are now caring for as a beginning (there are 139 registered), there are 99 children. Although we have been able



Refuge Camp Children.

to give only a little milk (two tins a week for a family of four, if very large family). There has been a remarkable gain in 27 children ($\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 lb.), 24 remained the same and will gain next month; 17 lost only slightly, and 31 were examined for the first time, hence we have no comparisons for them yet.

MISS A. G. CARR.

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I am especially grateful that you are willing to help again in our Christmas treat for the children. Without your help their Christmas would be a sad one. A few sweets and a pencil or handkerchief makes a great difference to a child who can understand that the little gifts really represent Christian love.

MISS N. RICE.

A Moral Conquest.

"STANDING on the touchline of the football field of the American University of Beirut, on a crisp afternoon in spring," says Basil Mathews, "I saw streaming down from the pavilion a team such as I had never before even imagined in my wildest dreams.

"The Captain was an Abyssinian, thick set, but a fast and accurate shot. His fullbacks were a Turk and an Armenian; the half-backs and forwards included a Syrian, a Greek, other Turks, a Persian and an Egyptian. Their trainer was Irish and the President of the College was American.

"As I stood watching the members of the team take their places and the opposing team move out to face them, then heard the whistle blow and saw the game surge up and down the field, I could see that they were playing a really magnificent team game. Talking with the sports captain of the College who was standing by me, I asked, 'What special difficulty do you find in training a team like this?' 'A real hard nut to crack,' he replied; 'it is just this: these fellows come from countries where the whole idea of team-play is unknown. Each at the beginning of his football training wants to dribble the ball down the field at his own feet and score the goal himself for his own glory. So I have won the battle—not only for the boy as a member of the team, but really for his whole life job when I have taught him to pass the ball.'

"The world is just such a football field. Problem of the world racial conflict is the same problem the football coach has to face—lack of international team play. Our problem in the Near East is precisely the same—to get our members to work together for the common good."

The Aziziyeh Evangelical Church of Aleppo shows a healthy growth and life. The parish includes nearly 500 families, with a total constituency of about 1,500 and a membership of about 375. Thirty-five new members were added during the year 1930. The Sunday School has 17 classes and an average attendance of 220. The pastor and his wife made 650 calls during the year, and a visiting committee of 24 church members, made a thousand more. There are two Endeavour societies, with over 200 members.

Good News from Egypt.

MAY the Lord enable the Society to abide in increasing strength and fruitfulness in its service in Egypt and in all the Lands of the Bible, that soon the followers of Islam, who so largely occupy these lands, may hear the gracious sound of His Gospel and turn to God the Lord through faith in Jesus Christ, the one Saviour. They are hearing, they are reading, some are believing. His word is accomplishing that whereunto He has sent it.

came the other day, it is teething. In each hand it had a broken piece of a coffee cup which the mother had given it to bite on. I heard of a girl I knew in Imbaba. She had a pain in her chest. The mother called in a wise woman, who ran a bit of dirty string with a hot needle over the place of the pain. The result is the child has fever and a septic sore. Sitt Hayat, our dear convert helper, has learnt to treat the eye



It is not returning unto Him void. May His blessing rest upon you and those associated with you, to see the travail of your souls and of your hearts.

J. J. ALEXANDER, D.D.

patients. She does it so nicely and the women all love her. The usual cry is, "Where is Sitt Hayat?" if they do not see her as soon as they come in the morning.

"I always feel the small numbers are better, for when there is a crowd too many babies are crying at the same time. The women are restless and talk to the children, so do not listen to the message. You wonder sometimes how some of these babies live. They come covered with dirt and flies and have such dreadful eyes. One poor baby

In the Armenian Sunday School in Tripoli a special effort has been made this year to have each older child own a Bible. The school gave Bibles to 16 girls as a reward for learning the names of the books of the Bible in order. One boy was given an English Bible for learning the names in English. This school also has a very good grade roll.

Religion of the Fellaheen of Palestine.

How do the Fellaheen, the peasant folk who from time immemorial have tilled the soil of the Holy Land, worship God? In what form do they worship Him? What religious influence has been exercised upon them by the conquering peoples who, from age to age, have swept over the land and dominated it for a few centuries, only to give place to new conquerors of another race and faith? These and other questions about the religion of the Fellaheen are answered in the second chapter of the Rev. G. Robinson Lees' delightful book, "Village Life in

go among the Fellaheen to-day is to see many a picturesque embodiment of scenes and incidents recorded in the Old and the New Testament. The Fellaheen woman, like the Hebrew woman of old, goes to the holy places to pray for the gift of a child, and she takes with her a lamb for the sacrifice of propitiation. The high places of the worshipper of Baal are the holy places of the Moslem peasantry of to-day; and the prophets of Baal would seem to live again in the dervishes of the Palestine villages.

It is instructive to compare the punctilious observances of the wealthier Arabs with the



In the Market Place.

Palestine," which should be read by all who wish to know something about that primitive, almost changeless rural life which for thousands of years has formed the bedrock and foundation of a long series of changing civilisations.

Outwardly, it seems, the Fellaheen has always more or less conformed to the religion of his conquerors, and to-day he passes for a good Mohammedan. But the religious observances of this essentially primitive people are merely a superstructure which has at its base an older, vaguer religion in which magic, charms and familiar spirits loom largely and darkly. The Bible tells us that it was ever thus. To

more casual rites of the peasants. The careful ablutions and elaborate prayers of the orthodox believers are only perfunctorily imitated by the Fellaheen; the great fast of Ramadan, quite endurable by the town dwellers, is a hardship to the folk of the villages; the pilgrimage to Mecca, incumbent at least once in his life on every true follower of Mahomet, is quite impossible for the poor toiler of the fields, who worships the gods of his ancestors in their ancient places much as they were adored by the Canaanites of three thousand years ago.

In the days before the great war, missionary effort on behalf of these poor

people was rendered difficult by the Moham-
medan authorities. The times have changed,
but the work of conversion is necessarily a
slow one. We can only hope that the half-

articulate prayer of the Fellaheen brings him
help and consolation, and trust that it is
received with understanding and compassion
at the Throne of Grace.

Aged Widows' Home.

THE Widows' Home in the beautiful village
of Shemlan, on the Lebanon mountains, with
its bracing air, lovely views of the Mediter-
ranean and the large city of Beirut, make
it an ideal place for such a Home. There is



Some of the aged Widows

everything to give cheer and joy to the
hearts of those who have passed through
such deep sorrow and bereavement and star-
vation by massacre during their time of exile.



Some more returning from the Bath.

We Armenians of the two Protestant
Churches in Beirut praise God that, in His
goodness shown through the generosity of
His children living in England, such a Home
has been provided for our infirm and friend-
less aged ones, where, under the kind care

of Miss Frearson and the willing ministry of
the Matron—Mrs. Nordikian—they are being
lovingly cared for in their comfortable Home.

Every time we look up to the mountain
village of Shemlan our hearts rejoice, know-
ing that not only is there a refuge for the
old, infirm and blind, but also another com-
fortable home for the orphans, who are
equally well cared for by our Sister Frearson
and her staff of willing helpers.



Another Group.

We wish to send our heartfelt thanks to
all those who have made possible the refuge
for the widows as well as the Home for the
orphans.

In these two institutions we see a practical
outcome of the self-sacrificing lives of those
who, by sending help, make it possible to
keep the homes open.

We ask that God's richest blessing may
rest upon you all, and pray that your needs
may be abundantly met by the Giver of All
good.

Another Group.

Again I want to thank you for the £25
that has come for the next year. We were
able to plan for the winter in the assurance

that there will be enough for the little extras that sometimes seem absolute necessities. There is one old lady whom your money has been helping for several years. This year she is bedridden and suffering much with

rheumatism and it was a real delight to be able to have some glass windows put into her room, where only the windholes had been, and to assure her that she would have her allowance as long as she needs it.

Beyond Jordan.

Now for some of the answers to prayer we are having here in Madaba. The car has been a great blessing. I wish you could see me drive it over these abominable roads. I'm getting to be some chauffeur; when I first came, being the only woman chauffeur, the others called me "Half chauffeur," but I went merrily on, not paying any attention to them and now they are all my friends



Some of our People.

and are willing to help me. The first time I passed the policeman in Amman, where I have to give my name, etc., he asked where was the driver, although I was sitting at the wheel. I told him I was the driver, and I wish you could have seen the look on his face. He nearly fainted, but when I came the second time he greeted me as if I were his long-lost friend.

We visit the villages weekly. In one of them the men opened a large room for us and received us with open arms. We went for a few times, but when they found out we wouldn't build them churches and schools they didn't want our message and told us so. It isn't easy to preach the Gospel in this

God-forsaken country. But nothing is too hard for Jesus. He will answer prayer. In another village the priest threatened the people until they did not dare to come or receive us, but some of the men advised us to rent a room, promising we would have an audience if we did. We did this and praise the Lord the men have come. This village is called Ma'een. They do not hear the Truth except when we go, and I wish you could see the men just sit and drink in the Gospel, but their minds are darkened and they need to have their eyes of understanding opened. Do pray for them. Last week I was sitting in the car; somebody has to sit in the car or the children would ruin it. One fellow left his car standing in the Suk for a while, and when he returned three youngsters had ruined all four tyres. They are Bedouin children and have never been controlled. A Moslem woman came and said to me: "You always come and preach to the Greeks; why don't you preach to us." I asked her if the men would receive us and she answered me with the Bedouin saying, "Anna Darrie," meaning, "Do I know?" but she said come anyway. Ever since the day we were forced away from preaching to the Bedouin we haven't tried it but have been praying and trusting Jesus to open the door for us. If the call comes from them, praise God we will have liberty to tell the old story. Do pray for this.

The day after the first village closed to us a man came to our home, asking for Gospels. He said he was from a little village not far from the main road, of whose existence we were not even aware. They are Greeks and Moslems but have no priest, so we went. I can only drive the auto so far and then we have to walk down one side of a deep ravine and up the other side; it's about a 15 minutes walk. It's a lovely village; not very large.

One man welcomed us in his room and we had only been there a few minutes when a crowd of men came in. We all sat on the floor around the wood fire. I could hardly breathe from the smoke. After a few minutes another group of men came in. These were the Moslem friends. There is a large encampment just behind the village. We had an earnest respectful audience and have gone back every week since, but—how long will the priests let them alone now that they

and do love to sing. Do pray for that meeting. One evening a group of men, Latins and heads of families, came to ask for a meeting. We gave them one and allowed them to ask questions. We didn't hear from them for a long time and then back they came and asked that we hold meetings in one of their homes. We go Sunday afternoons there. The Latin priests will be very angry about this and will cause trouble, but God will overrule. All we want is to get the



Gratefulness! Two Sheep as a Gift to the Sanatorium for recovering from first stages of T.B.

know we visit them and how long will the Moslems be able to come? Do please pray for this.

Another encouraging opening and a call to prayer and thanksgiving. An elderly man came to the house one day. He walked with great difficulty because he was ill and had fallen six times on the way, but he wanted to tell us he was born again and began to plead for a meeting in his home up on the hill just outside of Madaba proper. We have gone there every Monday night since and God has wonderfully blessed. We have a wonderful time. The spirit is so sweet and they are so hungry. All the neighbours gather in and they keep asking questions

Gospel out and give them a chance to accept Him. One day, returning from school, where I preach every morning, I found a woman leaning up against our gate. I invited her in the house and she entered for the first time. I called Miss Best and told her to come and talk with her. She is a widow and had lost a grown son. She had been to the grave weeping. She said her heart was heavy; she was sick of the world, hated everybody and didn't want to live any longer. We prayed with her and then when she prayed and rose from her knees, she said: "Oh, everything is so different; I can feel God's love coming in my heart," and she left with a smile on her face. One day, some

time later, we called there in her house, and what a changed woman we found, still praising the Lord and still happy. Praise God, Jesus never fails. Another day a sheikh came to the home and was given the old story and finally called out "I believe, I believe, I believe. Truly I believe." His face was changed and he wanted to learn how to read, so he could teach his own tribe and tell them about Jesus. Glory to God.

Miss J. SHIMP.

Thanks.

*Extract of letter from Dr. S. M. Zwemer,
Princeton, New Jersey.*

"I LOOK back to my first connection with your Society when I was still in Arabia. In those early days you may remember how the comparatively small contribution that your Society was able to make towards our pioneer effort was greatly appreciated and enabled us to open book and Bible depots in our new stations. I am sure that all the missionaries in the Near East appreciate the work that you have done these 75 years."

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"One of the happy experiences of these twenty-five years has been the contact we have had with your Society and with yourself and your co-operation has enabled us to do many things that we would not have been able to do without it. May you and the Society have many years of effective service before you, and may God bless you in all that you undertake."

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Dr. Barton writes:—

"Upon my return from an extended tour in the Near East, where I was privileged to meet you at two or three different points, I find here on my desk your important paper of December 19, in which you refer to your observance of seventy-five years of service of your organisation in Bible Lands. For forty-five years of that period I have been more or less in corresponding relations with the Bible Lands Missions' Aid Society and with yourself for a good part of that period. I have seen the work of that organisation at many points in Bible Lands and have only words of appreciation to utter for its notable

service, the need for which is not ended with the completion of seventy-five years."

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I WANT to thank you for the parcel of texts in Armenian which you have sent to us. I have given them to our students for the Armenian children in the Sunday Schools at the Camps. I am sure that they will be appreciated very much. Please express our thanks to the friends who sent those cards.

I have sent you a detailed list of the persons and families who received assistance during the New Year and Christmas time from the sum which you had sent to me. I am still keeping a few pounds, which I want to use for emergency cases.

The Late Miss Cushman.

WORD has come of the death on January 1, in Cairo, Egypt, of Miss Emma D. Cushman, aged about 70. She had been ill for some time with malaria and later with blackwater fever. Miss Cushman went out to the Talas Hospital as a nurse in 1899 from her home in Kansas City, and was there for a dozen years, taking an active part in the training of nurses and also in evangelistic work. Later she was in the Konia Hospital with Mrs. Dodd and Post; and after the war she was in N.E.R. work in Constantinople and afterwards in the Island of Euboea and at Corinth, Greece. She had recently withdrawn from connection with the N.E.R. Orphanage in Corinth, and was living on a chicken farm near by.

Further details regarding the passing of Miss Emma Cushman show that she had been suffering from an enlarged heart; she went with Mr. and Mrs. Archer, of the Near East Foundation, to Egypt in November, hoping for relief, but after a few weeks in Cairo, passed away suddenly.

Mr. Jaquith writes: "She was always deeply grateful for your friendship and timely help. She has been a great benefactor to the peoples of the Near East and a warm personal friend of mine."

In the schools of the Presbyterian Mission in Syria there is the largest attendance of recent years, with a total of 3,669 pupils, of whom 2,937 are in the Lebanon. Of the total, 1,294 are of the Orthodox faith, 897 Catholic, 762 Protestant, and 716 non-Christian.

Why Bulgaria?

FROM early childhood we have been confronted with the eternal "why." It is therefore proposed to answer two questions. Why should Bible Lands take such a keen interest in Bulgaria? Secondly, Why does Bulgaria need a Bible School?

Seventy-five years ago most of the Near East lay within the bounds of the Turkish Empire. The Missionaries of the American Board (A.B.C.F.M.) were at Constantinople

For over 70 years we have encouraged and helped the brethren, and among the more important aids was the printing of the Bulgarian Bible. Robert Thomson, American Missionary at Samokov set to work to give a translation in the modern tongue. Already in the Mission compound was a printing press where tracts and leaflets were printed, but Thomson's desire was that the very best was not too good for God's Word; he therefore



Assembly Hall with Dining Room over.

and Beyrout looking eastward working their way through Asia Minor and Syria to Persia.

Our Society, known as the Turkish Missions' Aid, in those early days, saw the glorious possibilities of the Gospel in south-west Europe and urged the American Board to work among the Bulgars. The Committee's appeal was signed by the Earl of Shaftesbury as chairman and Lord Kinnaird as treasurer, and was backed with a promise to provide the salaries of two Missionaries for three years; thus our Society aided and abetted the missionaries to enter Bulgaria.

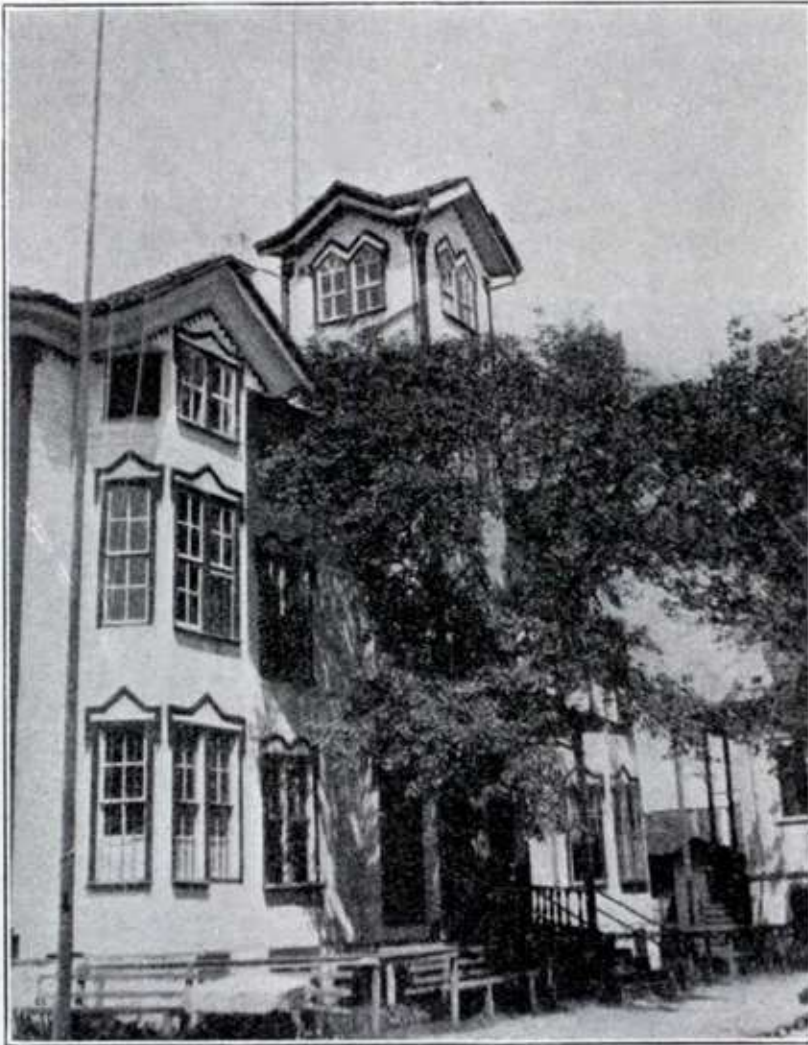
appealed to our Society for £100 to provide new type.

In this way the Society had some small share in the production of the first modern Bulgarian Bible.

Another important achievement has been to help the native pastors to be better equipped for their work. With an average salary of £48 a year it is impossible to purchase even a book that might help them in their ministry, neither is there anything to spare for a much-needed rest or holiday. In 1912 the Society heartily adopted a scheme

whereby the pastors could gather for a Bible Conference, thus providing spiritual food and bodily rest. Of recent years the Mission premises at Samokov offered an exceptional meeting place. Beds and crockery were

million levas and a Tobacco Company made a tempting offer, so that to sell a portion was out of the question. But those Bulgarian people know how to pray, and they prayed; for 12 months they prayed, and then—but



Formerly the Boys' School.

available and the vicinity exceedingly healthy, being adjacent to the pine-covered mountain resort of Cham Korea.

Many a weary pastor has been rested and encouraged, the high spiritual character of the Meetings has been a blessing to all and Heaven alone will reveal the results which flowed out from the Bible Conferences to the churches.

A short time ago it became known that the property was to be sold and the Schools moved to a site near to Sofia, the capital. An effort was made to secure at least one building in order that the Bible Conference could have a gathering place, but the Municipality made an offer of one and a half

that is part of our next story, sufficient to say here,

“The Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth.”

Why a Bible School for Bulgaria?

THE American Mission has always made Asia Minor their chief centre of activities; Hospitals, Colleges and Seminaries were abundant, young men from Bulgaria seeking education went eastward while those consecrated ones desiring to devote their lives to the Service of the King found their way to the Seminaries in Asia Minor.

To-day, Turkey is non-religious, the Seminaries are closed, the Bible is banished from the Schools. Where shall a young man

go? In Austria there is St. Andrea, a training school, but the language is German. In Greece, at its southernmost point, is the American School of Religion, but it will want



Formerly the Printing Press, may probably be used for the retired Pastor's Home.

a great deal of grace for many years to come for a Greek and a Bulgar to be friendly. The other alternatives are England and America.

There are three here, several have gone to America, but, alas, many of these have no idea of returning, the almighty dollar holds them and no wonder when the Bulgarian money is 675 levas to the £, instead of normal 25.

No! there is but one answer; each country should have its own training centre and Bulgaria must have one.

The Samokov property has been secured, Bible Lands having paid the deposit and friends have helped, so that half of the purchase price, £2,500, has been paid. We are praying that the other half will be forthcoming, as well as the right men for instructors; men after God's own heart, men true to the Scriptures and sound in the verities of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

At the time of going to press the following have signified their assent to join the British Honorary Council for the Bulgarian Bible School:—

SIR LEON LEVISON, Kt., (Chairman).
 REV. DANIEL H. C. BARTLETT, M.A.
 REV. FRANCIS C. BRADING, B.D.
 BRIG.-GEN. C. BRUNKER, C.M.G., D.S.O.
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 REV. G. W. NEATBY.
 REV. HENRY OAKLEY.
 SIR WM. M. RAMSAY, LL.D., D.LITT., D.D.

The Lady with the Match.

IN the front rank of noble women who are serving the Kingdom of God to-day is Miss Karen Jeppe, a Danish lady, who went out to Turkey in 1903 and joined the German Mission at Urfa, North Mesopotamia. There she undertook the management of a large Armenian orphanage, founding a weaving factory for their support. During the war she spent herself for the Armenians with heroic devotion. A writer in the *Slave Market News* tells of her wonderful stand before the League of Nations at Geneva on behalf of women enslaved in Turkish harems: "This frail woman, being consumed with righteousness of the cause, slowly rose from her seat once more; trembling, yet with a voice that vibrated through the whole audience with its intensity and her fire, she said: 'Gentlemen, in gross darkness, even the light of a match is acceptable. Will you



Tattoo Marks to prevent Running Away.

not strike this match for these enslaved women and girls?' She sat down and cheers reverberated through the whole assembly.

Miss Jeppe won and the League of Nations is proud of the splendid piece of work that she accomplished as League Commissioner for Rescue in Syria. She, through this organisation of the League, was able to save hundreds of women, girls and boys from a living death." Miss Jeppe is still carrying on her work at Aleppo, and has organised a settlement for Armenian refugees on the Euphrates.

Albanian Earthquake.

ONE of the most terrible earthquakes that Kortcha and this vicinity has ever known occurred on the morning of January 28. It came providentially at a time when very few people were in the streets and school children were still in their homes. The waves of motion did not seem to be directed in one way but from the effects of the earthquake they seem to have been from opposite directions. For instance, the book-cases on all four sides of my study were thrown down.

It is estimated that 85 per cent. of the houses in this city were injured, many being rendered dangerous as dwelling places. Two large churches were seriously damaged by the falling of the belfry of the one and the dome of the other. We thank God that only a few lives were lost.

Our boarders were having breakfast with me in the basement dining-room of the main building and so escaped danger from falling chimneys and tiles. Our main building was more seriously injured than the wing. Not only has plaster fallen from the walls inside and out, but two of the walls must be restrengthened and girded and the stone pillars of the front porch replaced.

Part of the roof of one of the two old buildings in our adjoining lot fell in and is being temporarily repaired. As one of these buildings housed our boy boarders it makes it more urgent that we try and erect some sort of a building for our boys on the hill property to which the Government has given us title.

We had been struggling with reduced contributions owing to hard times in America, before this blow to the Mission property, and now we are wondering just in what way our Lord will provide for this tremendous expense.

We look to you for help. Our school, together with the other schools of the city, has been temporarily closed and most of our boarding pupils have gone home, but we must continue paying our teachers' salaries.

We will maintain our regular Sabbath services. Four united with us at our last Communion and others are coming. May



A Ruined Dwelling House, Philippopolis.

this catastrophe be overruled for the spiritual awakening of many! Did not God say, "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward?" (Ex. xiv, 15.) Help us that we may "Go forward" in the real sense of the word by your continued prayerful backing.

Aleppo is the largest Sunday School centre in Arab-Asia, with 3,000 men, women and children in Sunday School each Sunday. We wonder if there are not as many pupils enrolled there as in any other city in the Near East.

*"She seeketh wool and flax and worketh willingly with
her hands. She maketh fine linen and selleth it."*

PROVERBS, XXXI, 13, 24.

If these words had been written during the present century one might have thought how splendidly they describe the Armenian woman. Hundreds of Refugee women look to friends in England for supplies of linen from which to produce dainty embroideries. In several of the Bible Lands with which our Society is associated they can be seen "working willingly with their hands."

WHAT IS THE URGE OF THEIR OUTPUT?

There is only one answer to this question. It is that this persecuted remnant of the Armenian race may at least earn sufficient for their daily sustenance.

Will you not help them to gain their desire by purchasing one or more of the exquisitely designed :—

	s.	d.
Linen Drawn Thread Afternoon Tea Cloths from	18	6
Linen Drawn Thread Tray Cloths "	4	0
Linen Cushion Covers "	8	6
Linen Lace Edged Handkerchiefs "	1	0
Native Material Bedspreads "	12	6
Native Material Tray Cloths "	5	0
Native Material Table Covers (worked in various colours) "	6	0
Native Material Runners (various designs) "	4	6
Native Material Curtains (2½ yds. by 27 in.) per pair	12	6
Native Material Table Centres from	2	0
Needle Lace Doyles... .. "	1	0
Needle Lace Round Table Centres "	12	6
Hand-made Needle Lace from (per yard)	0	6
Hand Woven Native Material Runners (40 in. by 18 in.)	2	6
Hand Woven Afternoon Tea Cloths and Napkins	7	6
(worked in colours, 36 in. by 36 in.)		
Hand Woven Dinner Sets from	20	0
Hand Woven Duchess Sets "	17	6
Hand Woven Breakfast Sets "	10	0
Bags (in all colours) "	2	0
Shoe Bags "	1	6
Table Centres (in all colours) "	4	0

Parcels gladly sent on approval if unable to visit the Showroom.

Address : **Miss RUSSELL,**
Bible Lands Missions' Aid Society,
76, Strand, London, W.C.2.

“SHOW ME A PENNY.”



It is hardly necessary to remind those who are familiar with the Bible Story that these words were addressed by Our Lord when he was confronted with the question:—

IS IT LAWFUL TO GIVE TRIBUTE UNTO CÆSAR ?

There are very few, doubtless, who, except from a general description, have any precise knowledge of this particular “piece of money,” and it will therefore be interesting to learn that the Secretary of the Bible Lands Missions’ Aid Society, in a recent tour in Bible Lands, was fortunate enough to secure

ONE OF THE ACTUAL COINS

referred to in the Scripture narrative (a Roman Denarius as it is correctly termed) from which metal facsimiles have been prepared. In view of the fact that the possession of one of these “Tokens” would be acceptable to Teachers, Scholars, etc., in Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavour and kindred gatherings,

THE BIBLE LANDS MISSIONS’ AID SOCIETY

are arranging in their new 75th Anniversary and Thanksgiving Effort, to present one of these interesting facsimiles to each Scholar, or friend, who gives or collects 75 Pennies and remit same to the Society in aid of their work among

CHILDREN IN BIBLE LANDS.



Model of a Jewish Shekel.

This is the facsimile of a genuine Jewish Shekel (called in the Bible “a piece of silver”), coined by Simon Maccabeus, who was King of the Jews B.C. 172-142. It was issued in the year B.C. 170. It is, therefore, now 2,101 years old. For thirty “pieces of silver” Judas betrayed our Lord. The Hebrew inscription on the obverse and reverse mean “Shekel of Israel” and “Liberator of Jerusalem,” and the designs represent the pot of manna and Aaron’s rod that budded.

To Teachers also who will encourage six of their children to secure 75 pennies each will receive a facsimile of the “Shekel,” a representation of one of the “pieces of silver” handed to Judas Iscariot on the occasion of his

BETRAYAL OF OUR LORD.

This “piece of silver” token will be forwarded when £1 17s. 6d. (the equivalent to six receipt books) is sent in.

Books containing 75 PENNY receipts will gladly be sent to all those who signify their willingness to cooperate in the extensive Evangelisation and Relief work carried out by the Society in Bible Lands where at the present time there is much suffering and distress.

Various Councils and Societies dealing with the Religious Education of the Young have been approached in regard to the Scheme outlined above, who express themselves as fully sympathetic and wishful that every success may attend the effort.

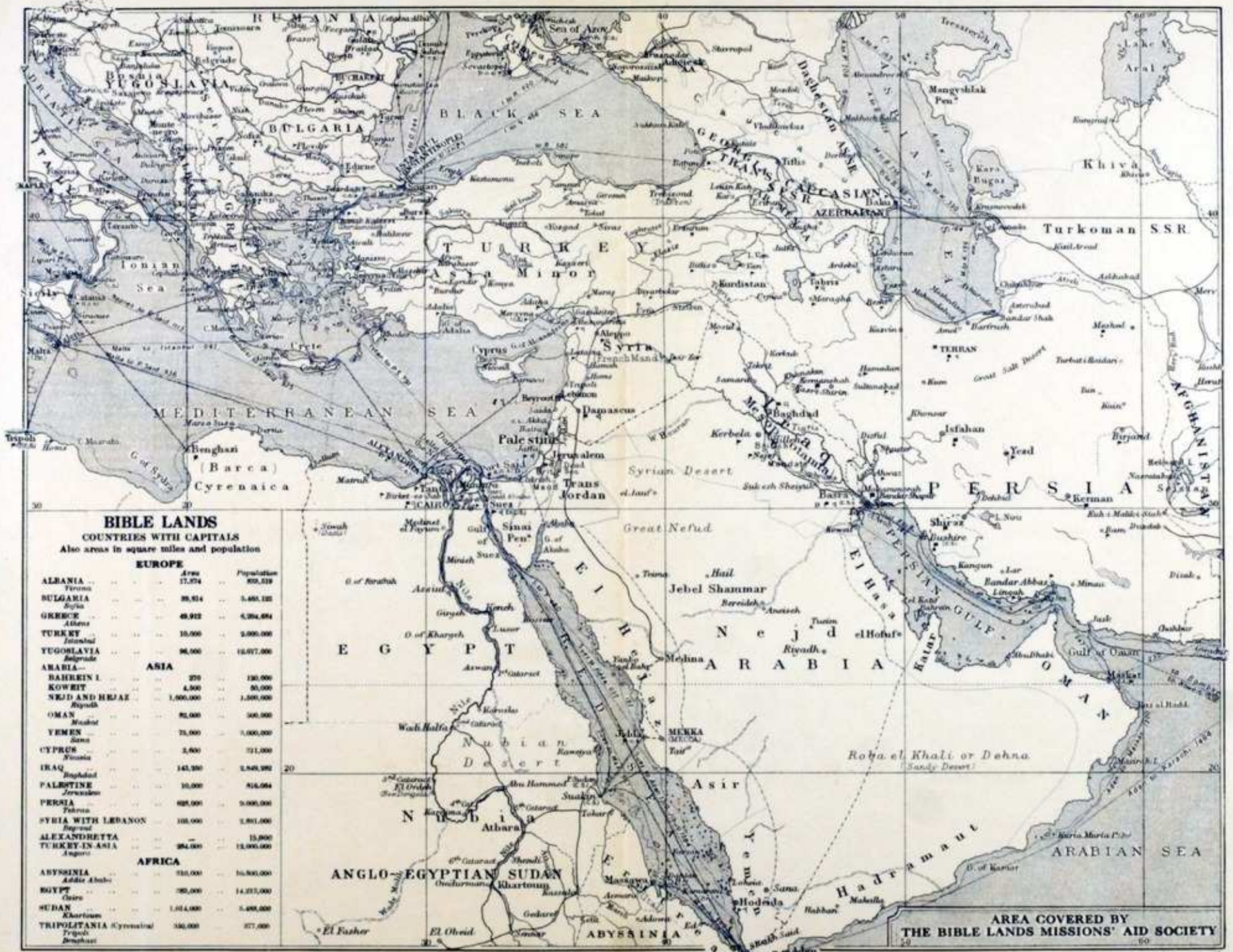
WHO WILL LEND A HELPING HAND ?

Full particulars may be obtained from—

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BIBLE LANDS

COUNTRIES WITH CAPITALS
Also areas in square miles and population

EUROPE		
	Area	Population
ALBANIA	17,374	829,519
BULGARIA	88,814	5,485,122
GREECE	48,912	5,264,694
TURKEY	10,000	2,000,000
YUGOSLAVIA	96,000	12,977,000
ASIA		
BAHREIN I.	370	120,000
KOWEIT	4,500	50,000
NEJD AND HEJAZ	1,000,000	1,500,000
OMAN	82,000	500,000
YEMEN	73,000	1,000,000
CYPRUS	2,500	311,000
IRAQ	143,300	2,849,092
PALESTINE	10,000	814,094
PERDIA	625,000	9,000,000
SYRIA WITH LEBANON	102,000	2,891,000
ALEXANDRETTA	384,000	15,800
TURKEY-IN ASIA		13,000,000
AFRICA		
ABYSSINIA	310,000	16,500,000
EGYPT	380,000	14,217,000
SUDAN	1,014,000	3,498,000
TRIPOLITANIA (Cyrenaica)	350,000	377,000

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