

Sarwe worked there as a missionary. He writes of hard times there and of no positive results, though at the end of four years' labour, through sympathy and material help rendered during the great famine, the confidence of many Bashkirs had been won. No work is being done there now. But the faithful and loving missionaries look forward with yearning for their Moslem brethren and trust God to open to them again the closed towns of Central Asia. This Swedish Mission is, as we have already said, the only Protestant mission to Moslems in the whole of Russia, Siberia and Central Asia !

Of independent, individual workers among Moslems I must mention Mr. Easton, who since 1875 has done work among Mohammedans in Trans-Caucasia, the Caucasus, and for some time in the Crimea. He draws special attention to the Turkomans and Kirghis living in Trans-Caucasia. Evangelistic work ought to be done there speedily, before these tribes become fully and fanatically indoctrinated in the Moslem faith.

In Tiflis, I have heard, a lady is working independently, preaching and distributing Gospels and tracts among Moslems. At Baku I met Mr. Toumanyán, an Armenian brother, who speaks well several of the Turkish dialects and whose heart is filled with great love for the Mohammedans. He has opened a lecture room where daily talks are held with Moslems, and where every Friday they have a meeting which is well attended. One Mohammedan has been baptized. An English missionary, Mr. Hill and his wife, are also doing work there. I may mention also Mr. Patwakan Tarajani of the Russian Evangelical Community at Baku. At Aouli Ata in Northern Turkestan two friends, one of them a Mr. Thiemann, are preparing for mission work amongst the Kirghises. Last and not least, I was sent out by the Lord to work among the Moslems as an independent itinerating