

It seems but yesterday that Cyrus Hamlin undertook, in company with a secretary of the Turkish Missions Aid Society, to explore the country of the Bulgarians with a view to establishing a mission <sup>there</sup> of the American Board that was in 1857-1859. The field was specifically occupied by that Board and the American Methodists; but for years afterward it would have been a puzzle to the brightest of American schoolboys to have told off hand where "Bulgaria" was. Only yesterday, indeed, the gentlemanly son of a Congregational doctor of divinity asked me whether the shortest route to ~~that mission-field~~ <sup>that mission-field</sup> is by the Atlantic or the Pacific. Bulgaria is, however, no terra incognita to Englishmen, as witness this freshest of



volumes from the press <sup>2</sup> of John Murray,  
London: "The Peasant State. An Account of  
Bulgaria in 1894. By Edward Dickey, C.B." (Pa-  
ges 332. Twelve Shillings.) Mr. Dickey is an  
<sup>experienced</sup> traveler whose memories of the Boers in the  
Transvaal, & of one & another fellow-voya-  
gers in "trains" over our own prairies, are  
now too meagerly drawn upon for ~~contrast~~  
comparisons & contrasts with his legitimate  
subject. But the book is one which every  
missionary in Bulgaria, at least, may read  
with profit, if only to observe from how dif-  
ferent an angle of vision two persons may  
consider the same subject. One can

hardly imagine even a cultured Heathen re-  
porting his observations on this youngest of  
the States of Europe, with so little recogni-  
tion of Divine Providence, or mention of the  
~~part which Evangelical Christianity has~~  
~~borne in its development~~ <sup>in connection with</sup> the development of Bul