

Mediterranean, besides selling 755 copies on the Island. The following is very interesting:

"Mr. Kirby also mentions a Russian frigate, the 'General Admiral,' having come to Malta, among whose officers and men a large number of handbills, published by the Religious Tract Society, and entitled 'Just as I am,' had been distributed through the liberality of a Scotch gentleman. The good news contained in this little tract seemed almost beyond their belief, but the purchase by them of 399 copies of the Word of God, in the course of four days, proves that they were willing to search the Scriptures whether these things were so. The crew of this vessel have since the year 1861 purchased at your Malta Depot no fewer than 1,045 New Testaments and Portions, and have paid for them upwards of £32 sterling."

Some fruit is resulting from Scripture circulation among the Jews and Mohammedans of North Africa. In Algiers (in addition to what had been sold in former years,) the Agent has distributed 386 Bibles, and 1,626 New Testaments and Portions, in Hebrew, chiefly. He says:

"At Philippeville, where I was obliged to stay till the evening, I sold a few books to the Jews and also to the Christians. Among the latter I met a conductor, who insisted that I ought to recognize him, but I did not. 'Well, I know you, and you will remember me when I tell you that I am the man to whom you sold a New Testament, on credit, in 1861, on the St. Antoine road, one day that I was going to see my wife at the hospital of Philippeville. Since then, my position has changed, so I am going to pay my old debt. I am again going to the hospital; but this time to see a friend. I will make him a present of the same book which has been to us a source of consolation.'"

In another part of Africa another Agent, Rev. A. Benold, states:

"There lived here an intelligent young Jew from Tangiers, belonging to a family of Cohamites, or priests. His trade of barber forbade him leisure to visit the missionary, and having a large family, he could not afford to buy the sacred volume. Calling at his shop one day, he begged earnestly for copies of both the Old and New Testaments, which were sent to him with some tracts. He became a sincere student of the Oracles of Truth, and eventually his shop became crowded with controversialists, he taking his stand on God's Word as conclusive authority on all questions of doctrine and practice. While on my last trip to Morocco, he died of consumption; and several young men, who became favorable to Christianity through his preaching, have related to me with what fervor he spoke during his last illness on religious subjects, entreating them not to rest satisfied till they had ascertained the Truth for themselves, and assuring them he had no fear of death, for he felt at peace with God, through faith in the Messiah. It was, in fact, objected by some bigoted Jews, and seriously debated, whether they ought to bury him in their cemetery; as if a Jew, by believing in the Prince of Israel, and the Saviour of the World, ceased to be a Jew, and to belong to the faith of the

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