

round his district also to sell Scriptures. He hopes for a good circulation, and he will write for more copies when they are required."

From MAZARCHOUK's report :

"I saw a crowd of people standing in the bazaar at E——, and offered them my books. Several replied, 'We have books: we bought them very cheap. There is a Society which exerts itself to give us these books at a low price, and we ought to be thankful for this.' I asked them, 'What Society is it?' They said they did not know. I told them about the Bible Society and gave them two catalogues. They said, 'Thank you: we know now who cares for us.'

"The Jewish recruits bought many single Gospels in Judeo-Polish. An officer was greatly pleased at their eagerness to read the New Testament."

From BEDZILLA's report on Volhynia :

"I came this week into a poor colony where the people would gladly have bought Scriptures, but had no money. They begged me earnestly to come again later, and I promised to do so. In many places I am thus requested to come again, when the people hope to be able to buy. In some places the people lay aside their work to converse with me on divine things, and not a few ask, 'What must I do to be saved?' This is my comfort and joy in my wanderings."

From SCHIDKOFF's report :

"I entered a tea-house in which there is an orchestra of 14 men to whom I had often offered my books in vain. On this occasion, without my saying much to them, they eagerly bought copies, some the Psalms, some a New Testament. I was greatly encouraged by this."

From MOSTOVICHENKE's report :

"In Russian trains, when the guards allow it, the colporteurs pass from carriage to carriage, while they are in motion (being carriages on the American plan), and sell many books in this way. One evening, while inviting the passengers in a train in which I was travelling to buy my books, a captain of Don Cossacks, who was returning from the Caucasus, to visit his relations, learning that I was a colporteur of the Bible Society, warmly greeted me, and gave me good advice respecting the manner of prosecuting my work. Leaving his seat in the second class, he came and sat by me in the third class, conversing with me until I reached my destination. He spoke much to those sitting around us on the importance of God's Word, and why we ought to receive Christ. As he was in full Circassian uniform the people were not a little surprised at his condescension, and at hearing such things from him. The incident afforded me great pleasure."—*B. & F. Bible Society Reporter*, October, 1881.

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## THE BIBLE TRIED AND TRIUMPHANT.

EXTRACT FROM A DISCOURSE DELIVERED AT THE SEVENTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE MASSACHUSETTS BIBLE SOCIETY, BY THE REV. CHARLES H. PAYNE, PRESIDENT OF THE OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

After appropriate and impressive words of introduction, the speaker said :—

With what assuring confidence comes this inspiring utterance, confirmed by the history of the ages: "The word of the Lord is tried;" "the word of the Lord endureth forever!"