

miraculous image of the Virgin or St. Joseph, or some other saint. But this will not long hold a people once admitted to the light of modern days.

Colporteurs all speak of a general state of unrest. "We are living in unsettled times. Changes are inevitable." There can be no permanent cure for the unrestful heart of these nations except in the Gospel. Society never can be normal, stable, hopeful in these countries until it rests upon an intelligent knowledge of God's Word.

In Russia, including Siberia, 538,897 copies have been distributed—one in six of all issued. Work in Russia is difficult because of vast distances and imperfect means of communication. But government officials, railway and steam boat companies, as well as the people, welcome and assist the Colporteurs. Free carriage for Bibles and free tickets for Colporteurs have been granted again and again. Even in Siberia both government and merchants have granted free carriage to men and books. It is the testimony of Colporteurs that the Russian people are peculiarly susceptible to spiritual truth, and in no country does work tell to better advantage.

The agents of the Bible Society distributing the Scriptures without note or comment are welcomed, whereas the agents of any particular Protestant Church would be refused admittance. No other missionary organization could possibly do the work in Russia that the Bible Society is now doing. In addition to work in the countries mentioned, the British and Foreign Bible Society have their Colporteurs in Turkey, Greece, Algeria, Tunis, Morocco, West Africa, East Africa, South Africa, Egypt, Syria and Palestine, Arabia and Abyssinnia, Persia, India, Burma, China, Japan, Korea, Madagascar, Polynesia and Melanesia, West Indies, Mexico and South America—in fact the map of the world is thickly dotted with the agencies of this Society. Then not only is the British and Foreign Bible Society one of the greatest of missionary organizations, it has assisted all other missionary societies in giving the Bible to the different tribes and races of men in their own tongue. During the past five years the number of languages and dialects into which some portion of the Bible is translated and published has increased from 329 to 381.

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