

ment would cost us fifty piastres instead of six. And especially do we thank them for the New Testament in Albanian. It was not one of our bishops, but strangers, that gave us that blessing. I wish I could find the man that did so, and kiss his hands."

"A Roman Catholic said one day, 'These books are only for priests.' 'Nay,' said Misaelides, 'the Apostle John says expressly that he writes for fathers, young men and little children; and Paul reminds Timothy that he had known the Scriptures from his childhood.'"

CYPRUS AND CRETE.

Through the tact and perseverance of Mr. Back, the Society's sub-Agent in Cyprus, 2,354 copies have been sold, besides 107 given away, and 146 sold from the Larnaca Depot. To effect this good work he has made no fewer than nine tours, suffering now from malaria, and now (on a lofty terrace on Mount Olympus) from cold so intense as to deprive him for a time of the sense of hearing. Much distress has been caused by murrain and a poor harvest, and many schools have been closed; but this did not daunt Mr. Back, and he was helped by the support of the ruling clergy of the island. Indeed, to oppose him appears to have been a serious matter.

A PRIEST'S RETRACTION.—In one village the priests asserted that, as his books had not the seal of the Patriarch, nor had any cross upon them, and not been approved of by the Holy Synod, they must be false, and a number of villagers appeared to be led away by his words. But Mr. Back, while leaving it to the priest to approve or not of the circulation of the Scriptures, held very properly that it was an injury to him and the Society that he should declare the books to be false, and threatened an appeal to the civil court. Upon this the priest became alarmed, and begged Mr. Back to allow him to retract his words as thoughtless utterances! The retraction in so humiliating terms was accepted; and no fewer than 93 copies were sold in the village.

Work in Crete has been prosecuted with success by Colporteur Klonares, who at Canea, Candia and in the eastern division of the island sold 930 copies. He has within the last few months been expelled under circumstances sufficiently important to demand extended notice.

It was in the streets of Candia that a man named Polites asked him one day into his shop for religious conversation:—

"'I want to know,' said he, 'of what religion you are.' Klonares replied, 'I am a Christian.' 'I know you are a Christian,' said Polites, 'but are you orthodox?' Klonares: 'And I know you are orthodox, but are you a Christian?' Polites: 'We orthodox are all Christians, and believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and have the gospel read each Sunday in our churches.' Klonares: 'I know you profess to do all that, but do you keep the commandments of Jesus Christ?'"

A second interview followed, at which a priest and three or four friends of Polites were present.

"All were convinced that the doctrines they had heard condemned as masonic were the true gospel of God, and that the errors were on the side of Orthodox Church. They talked with their friends of the truths they had learned, discontinued their attendance on the Greek Church, and met Klonares on the Lord's Day for prayer and searching the Scriptures and exhortation. Their number increased, and by and by as many as eleven or more embraced evangelical views, and came Nicodemus-like at night, to converse with your colporteur. Nor were they silent among their fellows. Upon this the defenders of the Greek Church took alarm, and went to the Metropolitan and told him, 'A mountebank has come here, selling books, who blasphemes the saints and the pictures. We wish him sent away, for he is a scandal to our city and nation.'"

"'UNTO THE GREEKS FOOLISHNESS.'—Upon this the Metropolitan sent for Polites, and asked him if he knew this bookseller. Polites replied that he