doors to be cautiously displayed, and for these one is naturally grateful. One looks forward to the publication in the near future of a truly un-

equivocal and comprehensive study of early Byelorussian art. There is no lack of material.

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Žydovič, M. A. (ed.) *Materyjały dla sloŭnika minska-maładziečanskich havorak*. BDU, Minsk, 1970. 172 pages.

The collection and recording of dialectal vocabulary proceeds apace over a wide range of areas throughout the ethnic Byelorussian territory. In some cases, as for example the recent spate of dialectal lexicons from the Mścisłaŭ region (see *JBS*, II, 3, pp. 317-8), the ground has already been well covered; in others, like the Maładziečna region, it is virgin soil that is being upturned. Each successive publication brings nearer the day when a comprehensive Byelorussian dialectal dictionary will be published, perhaps on the lines of Karłowicz's invaluable *Słownik gwar polskich* (Cracow, 1900-7); until that time scholars must be content with the material in the atomized form in which it is at present available.

Materyjały represents many years' collective work by members of the Byelorussian Faculty at Minsk State University, and presents (in the form now almost universally adopted by

dialectal lexicographers in Soviet Byelorussia) over 4,000 words and some 1,000 proverbs, sayings and phrases. The words qualify for inclusion if they are absent in the *Belorussko-russkij slovar'* (Moscow, 1962) or if they are recorded there but described as dialectal (*abl.*) or colloquial (*razm.*). No similar limiting criterion seems to have been applied in the selection of proverbs and sayings. It could not be claimed, for example, that the expression 'Jak zachó'ca boh pakara'ć, dyk ro'zum adbiare' is particularly characteristic of Vialikaja Vusa, Uzdziensk district or, indeed, the Minsk-Maładziečna region as a whole. In general, however, the book contains a great deal of interesting and previously unrecorded material, and will be welcomed by all who take an interest in the field of Slavonic dialectology.

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REVIEWS OF PERIODICALS

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The 1971 issue of *Acta Baltico-Slavica*, published by the Białostockie towarzystwo naukowe, is, in fact, described as a supplement to volume VII (see *JBS*, II, 3, pp. 324-5). Following the death of Jerzy Antoniewicz the editorship has passed to Tadeusz Cieślak, and the place of publication, at least for this issue, from Białystok to Warsaw. The present volume contains 24 articles by various authors, all devoted to a description of the achievements of scientific research in the Białystok region between 1944 and 1969. It is divided

into four sections, each led by a prominent scholar: 1. History (Dr H. Majecki); 2. Medical and Natural Sciences (Professor R. Kordecki); 3. Economics (Dr A. Barwijk); 4. Sociology and Pedagogics (Mgr S. Asanowicz). Although the articles are, in the nature of things, of a summarising or review type, and in a few cases unwarrantably self-congratulatory, they may possibly serve to draw scholars' attention to work that has escaped attention on first publication.