

they will effect far more good than can be done by any mere curtailment of expenses. Nevertheless, they may rely upon it, that the Directors will always be anxious to retrench where they see they can do so consistently with the true interests of the cause intrusted to them.

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On another page will be seen a notice taken from a New York paper of what the American and Pennsylvania Bible Societies have done at the Centennial Exhibition. We regret that they could not see their way to do something in the gratuitous distribution of gospels in foreign languages. At the Paris Exhibition, in 1867, two and a quarter millions of French Gospels and eighteen thousand Spanish Gospels were given, and five thousand Spanish Bibles and Testaments sold, and large numbers in other languages. But we trust that although much has not been done in the way of distribution, that the exhibit made of the Societies' work will excite an interest in the minds of many, and lead them to support it with their prayers and contributions.

With a view to thus awakening increased interest in this great work of translating the Scriptures into every tongue and sending them to all nations, one of our own Society's colporteurs, Mr. Moodie, was sent last month to the the Agricultural Shows at Woodbridge, Markham and Aurora, with a glass case, containing twenty-five Bibles in as many different languages, and specimens of the different styles of English Bibles sold by the Society. The idea was suggested by the Rev. Dr. Hodgkin, of Woodbridge, who gave a great deal of time and trouble in carrying it out and making it a success. Mrs. Hodgkin kindly made a neat and pretty banner with the Society's name on it. This was handsomely mounted, and attracted attention to the stand, which had nearly all the time three or four or more persons inspecting it. To each of these was given a slip with a brief account of the history, the object, and the operations of the Society. The Woodbridge newspaper, in its description of the Fair, said, "One of the most interesting objects at the Exhibition was the Bible Department, which, distinct from its religious character, even in an intellectual and literary point of view, was a very gratifying part of the Show." The officers of the three Branches cordially approved of the plan, and Dr. Crowle, of Markham, and Mr. Pearson, of Aurora, kindly secured good positions for the case and otherwise did all in their power to assist the colporteur. During the five days at the three places Mr. Moodie sold 68 copies, which is considerably above the average of a colporteur's sales. This was a very important and gratifying part of the success of the scheme, although it was not the prime object of the experiment, which was, as we have said, to widen and deepen the interest felt in this blessed work, which God seems to have committed in a special manner to our race. That it has brought the operations of the Society in a practical way before the eyes of many, who were before either wholly or partially ignorant of them, there is no room to doubt, and therefore we hope the idea will be more fully carried out next year.