

corner, which can only be reached by mounting 120 stairs, and which no one scarcely visits from morning to night.

"We earnestly pray you to reconsider your decision. Many alterations are being made, and it is not even now too late, if you will give us space, to produce a Case containing Ancient Manuscripts and Versions of the Bible, which would be superior in interest to any object which the Exhibition now contains.

"We do not ask this as a favour to the Bible Society, but we believe that we are representing the unanimous feeling of the christian public, when we claim for the Bible and its many versions that place in our International Exhibition which will prove that we assign to God all the honour of its many treasures, and that it is to His Word alone that we trace the progress of all civilization, and the development of all art, as well as the social happiness with which He has blessed our people, and the political greatness in which he has exalted our nation."

The statements, for many years, with regard to the circulation of the Bible in France have been very pleasing to us. Your Committee are glad to say that in the July Reporter a letter from M. de Pressensé continues the same pleasant feeling. The following is an extract from it :—

"A constantly increasing number of our Colporteurs regard as among the things which favour, nay, greatly favour, their labours, the opposition which is thrown in their way by the Curés. The more violent this opposition is, the more does it tend to promote their sales of copies. Our Colporteur in the G—— writes to me with some enthusiasm respecting a young Curé whom he regards as a true friend of the Bible and who openly favours the distribution of New Testaments in the Schools. 'I know full well,' he is reported to have said, 'that I shall detach more than one person from the Church of Rome; but if more saving truth is to be found elsewhere, should I throw any obstacle in the way of its being sought for? Is it not my duty to assure myself of this, for my own part first of all, by searching the Scriptures?' God grant that many Curés in this country may attain to similar convictions! Let us entreat Him that it may be so, and with Him all things are possible."

In this same Reporter, Mr. T. Bruce, the Society's Agent for Italy, is mentioned as having visited Sicily, and written a statement regarding the progress of the Bible in that Island. With great pleasure you Committee furnish your with the following extracts :—

"When walking in the public gardens at Palermo one afternoon, I