

New Guinea, and published in one of your periodicals in March, 1880, are worthy to be considered in this connection :—

“ One of the most remarkable illustrations of the Bible Society’s foreign work is to be found in that most interesting pamphlet which contains specimens of the 215 (now about 261) languages into which portions of the Word of God have been rendered by this Society. But another, if it could be published as a companion volume, would be even more full of sad and painful interest—if we could have printed in every language into which the Word of God has *not yet* been translated, some such verse as this, “ When there is no vision the people perish.” It would make a great volume, and we should be amazed at the amount of work yet to be done before the whole world has the Word of Life.”

A VISIT TO THE HEALTH EXHIBITION.

The first thing we noticed was the circular stand or kiosk of the Bible Society, on the left hand as you enter, before you go down the steps into the South Gallery. Here, on cleverly contrived shelves, something like venetian blinds, are arranged, one over another, specimens of the Scriptures in 250 different languages and characters.

“ But what has this to do with health ?—this is only a way of advertising the Society and its publications,” many will exclaim. That was my *first* thought, I own ; but then came to my mind the words of One who said, “ Labour not for the meat that perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life,” and “ Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word which proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”

And has the health of the soul nothing to do with the health of the body ? As sorrow and distress often cause illness, so true peace “ ruling in our hearts ” will tend to preserve our bodily health. “ Length of days, long life, and peace,” are held out by the Wise Man as the reward of those whose hearts keep God’s commandments.

My *second* thoughts were best, and I felt glad the Bible stand was on the threshold of the Health Exhibition.—From “ *The Home Friend*,” July 1884.

CHOLERA IN FRANCE.

At their meeting of July 21st, the Committee had great pleasure in acceding to a request made on behalf of some noble-hearted Christian ladies who have gone to Marseilles and Toulon, to labour among those struck down by cholera there for a supply of such Scriptures as they may require for distribution.

Mr. Monod, the Society’s agent in France, has also instructed M. Genre, who is in charge of the Depot at Marseilles, and M. Schloesing at Toulon, to distribute as many portions as they may consider advisable under the circumstances.

M. Tourn, the Society’s colporteur, who was lately on his way to leave his wife with her family on the Italian side while he continued his work as a colporteur among the Hautes Alpes, experienced the vexatious delay of five days’ quarantine near Modane on the frontier. The travellers were kept during that time under a tent without beds. They suffered much, but, says M. Monod, “ they took advantage of the opportunity of speaking of the Gospel among their 800 fellow-sufferers, amongst whom they sold no less than 125 Bibles and Testaments during that time.”