

the following agents : The Revds. J. G. Manly, John Gray, C. R. Matthew, H. D. Hunter, S. Kappeler, E. M. C. Botterill, W. Brookman, A. D. MacDonald, and Dr. Hodgkin, and also from Colporteurs Lowry, McPhail, Taylor and Rouleau. A grant of Bibles and Testaments was made to a Sunday-school at Mecunoma, Muskoka. The Depository's cash account and other ordinary business was attended to, and the meeting was closed with prayer led by the Rev. J. M. King.

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### THE SOCIETY'S EXHIBIT AT THE AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

The exhibition and sale of the Society's Bibles at the Agricultural Shows has this year been more encouraging than ever. The Rev. Dr. Hodgkin, who first suggested this plan of endeavouring to increase the interest of our people in the work of the Society, kindly and gratuitously gave his time and services at the Toronto Exhibition, in drawing attention to the Society's large case with Scriptures in one hundred different languages, and in explaining to the visitors many interesting things connected with various translations, and with the history and work of the Society. The Society's Colporteur, Mr. J. E. Taylor, was also in attendance, and sold a number of copies of the Good Book. A number of people were also much pleased at getting for five cents, the little pamphlet with the 16th verse of chapter III. of St. John's Gospel printed in 215 languages, in which our Parent Society issues the Sacred Scriptures. The large case was also sent to the Provincial Show at Hamilton, where it also attracted much attention. Dr. Hodgkin offered his services gratuitously also for the week at Hamilton ; but at the last moment was prevented from going by some other pressing business. However Mr. Taylor, who has shown special fitness for this work, received very hearty assistance and encouragement from that valuable and valued friend of the Society, Mr. Walker, the Secretary of the Branch there.

From Hamilton Mr. Taylor went with the smaller case, containing Scriptures in twenty-five different languages, to the Fairs at St. Thomas, Thamesville, Watford and London, at all which places he was received with much kindness and assisted by the officers of the Branches. In the two months of September and October, Mr. Taylor succeeded in selling 1056 Bibles and Testaments. This result, the benefit of which cannot be measured by the mere figures which record it, is of itself valuable. But besides this we trust that many minds have had the work, which the Society is doing in all parts of the world, brought before them in such a way that they will henceforth take a more practical interest in it. Surely no part of the world enjoys more of the blessings connected with, and resulting from, the possession of the Bible than this Province of Ontario. Surely its inhabitants should be a Bible-loving and Bible-giving people, valuing its own privileges, and showing its thankfulness by endeavouring to send the Holy Scriptures to those who have them not.