

Rue Rapp the giving and selling are well and effectively done. It is to be regretted that there is not a kiosque in the grounds of the Exhibition, or a stand for sale in the building itself. Inside it might be objected that to sell is against regulation, though one of the jewellers told me that in small articles he is taking £50 a week. In the grounds there can be no objection for sale, as the Chinese, Turks, and all sorts of people push trade in earnest style. Why then should the Word of God not be sold?"

It makes all the difference in the world that the Society's Chalet for the sale of Scriptures is not permitted to be within the Exhibition grounds as it was in 1867. Though excellently placed, just outside one of the main entrances, people hurry by to enter the building or pass it on their way out when strength, and it may be money too, are spent. While, however, the sales have been small, the work of free distribution of portions of Scripture has been far larger than on the previous occasion, and orders have been given to the great firm of printers at Nancy for a further supply of French Portions, to make 400,000 in all; as it is, after the Exhibition has been open only three months, the distribution has amounted to about 100,000 copies, or nearly as many as were circulated altogether in 1867.

A WEEK AT THE CHALET.

The following is from M. Monod's journal :—

"July 1.—Some persons call who really seem anxious for their souls, and we have some interesting conversations. 'Why do you give this?' asks a gentleman. 'We have received it freely and give it also freely.' 'It is a good thing you are doing,' another says, 'but if we read your books we will become Protestants.' 'You will certainly protest against many things which you now accept, but you will become *Christians* if you read this book with prayer.'

"July 2.—A woman comes and asks for our 'good republican little books.'

"July 3.—Rain the whole day; only 300 Gospels distributed.

"July 4.—A man who had received a Gospel came and said: 'I am told that if I put a key on this little book I shall see the spirit of my deceased relations.' This led to a serious conversation.

"July 5.—Many foreigners, but all able to understand French. A Gospel thrown on the floor is immediately picked up by another person. On the whole, it is very rare to see Portions torn or thrown away, and it frequently happens that a person who has received one of the Gospels calls for another.

"July 6.—Few people to-day, and many refusals.

"Given this week 10,300 Portions, 13 Testaments, 3 Bibles. At the Trocadero 500 Portions."

BIBLE WOMEN.—The London Bible and Domestic Female Mission still pursues its onward course in simple faith and patient perseverance. It is one of those institutions the record of whose usefulness, though written now on the fleshy tables of many hearts, will only be fully known at the final day, when the secrets of all hearts shall be revealed. It has adopted God's Word as its standard, and beneath that holy banner it has gone forth conquering and to conquer, not by might nor by power, but by the Spirit of the living God. To those who know nothing of the softer material which is to be found beneath the hard crust of ungodliness which appears on the surface of this great metropolis, it may seem wonderful that during the past year £1,575 should have been collected from its poorest inhabitants in payment for 11,516 copies of the Word of God, and this at a cost of £478. Yet such is the quiet unobtrusive work which the Bible women—often assisted materially by the Bible nurses—have effected. In other words, each Lamp of Life, which