

cess. Various interesting extracts could be given out of the Reports regularly and frequently made to the Home Committee, of the wonderfully successful work carried on, especially at the close of the Exhibition, but time and space will not allow. It had been intended from the first, as soon as the Exhibition was proposed and decided upon, to secure if possible a stand somewhere in connection with it, which should, to some extent, give a general idea of the work being done by this Society; and accordingly a place in the building itself was obtained, where a Bible-stand was erected. Besides this, a revolving stand for Bibles in different languages, was secured in the English Literature section; and further a site was afterwards procured outside the great building, and a commodious structure erected, in which copies of the Scriptures in all the languages used, should be kept, both for sale and for distribution. A fund was started to defray all these expenses, and some liberal contributions have been received. It is but to be remarked here, that the success of the whole undertaking has been beyond all expectation. The numbers which flocked to this building, and the exceeding great interest shown by people of all nations and countries, was astonishing to behold; and the wonder becomes all the greater, when we hear that the majority of buyers were either Roman Catholics or men of other religions than our own. Many of the French people especially, seemed to take a very great interest in the Bible. Priests many of them, and people flocked to the place, and bought or were presented with as the case might be, copies of the Scriptures both Old and New Testament, as well as numbers of the portions. After the Exhibition was closed, a deputation waited upon the Emperor, presenting an address of thanks and setting forth the nature and grand object of the Society, together with a copy of the Scriptures in the English tongue; also a similar deputation waited on M. Le Play, the head of the Imperial Commission, to thank him for the very kind and obliging manner in which the Society's Agents had been treated, in the prosecution of their work, presenting him also with a Bible. He received the deputation with great cordiality, expressing himself in a very gratifying manner, and saying that he would keep that Bible as a valuable *souvenir* of the Exhibition of 1867. This very successful undertaking in connection with the Exhibition will doubtless in due time bear much fruit;—people of almost all nations and tongues, gathered together to see the world's beauty, its advance in the arts and civilization, its represented wealth, and present glory, have had put into their hands the Word of God; and, if diligently considering the same, they cannot but by God's grace see, that therein is set before them things more glorious than ever any world's exhibition could set forth, more beauty, excellence, and true glory, than this world can give or take away; cannot fail to perceive, that therein is represented glory, and riches, and honour, and beauty, and true excellence, and all that is fascinating and ennobling, not as possessions perishable and to be bought with gold, but as gifts—free gifts—which will endure for evermore. The comparison of the contents of this book side by side with the glories of the Exhibition, are forever destructive to the latter; the one lasting even when time shall be no longer, the other perishing even in their very use. The Agent in France reports very favourably of the general work of the Society in that country, independently of the Exhibition. He speaks indeed of atheism, as in former years, showing itself conspicuously among all orders and degrees of men; and mentions rationalistic skepticism as showing itself plainly among many of the Protestant population; much annoyance is sometimes given to the Colporteurs, chiefly by the priests, who, in some cases, use every means in their power to hinder their work, seeking to defame their characters by misrepresentations, and endeavouring to prevent the inn-keepers and others from giving them shelter at the end of their day's toil. There were as many as eighty-five Colporteurs employed last year in France, and of these, three were sent to supply the military. Their operations in this field bear features of special interest. Many of the Officers in the French army are taking much interest in this glorious Bible work, they generally, are the purchasers of the Bibles, while the privates buy the Testaments. Many of the Officers have accompanied the Colporteur from

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