

few friends of the Bible. Its sign attracts to the place not only the lovers of the Bible, but many who seldom read its pages. The Centennial Commission has made for it the exceptional concession of requiring no commission or other fees for the sale of Bibles. The polite attendant in charge informed us that not only is the Bible found here in one hundred languages, but in one hundred and twenty, and that including translations into various dialects of the same language, the actual number of versions is one hundred and sixty-four. Of the Bible entire and parts of Bibles there have been sold in the pavilion about 8,000 copies. All sales are made at the bare cost of production. Next to the English, the largest number of copies sold have been in the French, Swedish, Portuguese, Hebrew, and Latin tongues. Here is also to be found the new Centennial edition of the Bible in neat 16mo, in various styles, at seventy-five cents and upward, an excellent memento of a visit to the Exposition for the visitor to carry home. The American Bible Society has also issued a neat pamphlet, giving sample texts in 164 languages with information as to the Society's work, for gratuitous distribution. Or these, about 10,000 copies have been distributed in this pavilion. It possesses great interest, as affording opportunity for a comparison of the aspects of so many printed languages.

The Bible exhibit was admirably conceived and its carrying out is worthy of all praise. In the midst of this great gathering from near and from far, the blessed word of God is brought within reach of all, and every man from whatever quarter of the world he may come, has it in his own power to read in his own tongue of the wonderful works of God.—*Correspondence N. Y. Observer.*

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THE BIBLE AT THE EXHIBITION AT KIYOTA, JAPAN.

The Exhibition at *Kiyota* closed during the last days of June. Our Bible stand effected all that could have been expected of it, though there may not be anything very striking to report. Several of the students in the American Board's Mission School took turns in attending to it, and did good service by drawing attention and answering questions. It is estimated that over 600 persons showed—of course in different degrees and from different motives—an interest in the stand; and one individual became so interested that he followed the matter up, and finally invited Mr. Davis to expound the new faith in his own house. Who can tell which shall prosper this or that!—*Am. B. S. Record.*

ABOU SELIM, OUR BLIND SYRIAN BIBLE READER.

"When the cholera broke out, in 1875, and people were dispersed from Beyrout, I asked the Lord to show me where to go. Then I was guided to go to Zachleh. Here I found a great many people who had fled from the disease who had very little religious knowledge, their trust being in the priests and the decrees of the Church. So I told them about the true way of salvation, and they listened readily, saying that from their clergy they never heard such things.

"Seeing that the Romanists put so much faith in St. Peter, I dwelt chiefly on his epistles, calling them *his keys*, of which they speak so much, and I showed them their true hindrances to salvation, saying that with their wine-cups always in their hands, their daggers or swords always ready, and their time always occupied in playing cards, how could they expect to have heaven opened to them? I visited much, also, among the women in their houses, and finding them incessantly calling on the Virgin in all their troubles, I tried especially to attract their thoughts to the sympathy and love of