

"People of all ranks and conditions came to the stall to testify the gratification at finding us there. At times they gave a contribution unasked. The total sum given in this way at the stall was about £6. The greatest pleasure was afforded by the visits of those to whom the whole work of the Society was new and strange, and our work a

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"A well dressed gentleman came up and said, 'I can't understand why you give these books away in this manner. It must cost money.' "Well," I said, 'I am a sower sent out to sow, and I cast my seed at a venture. But of this I am certain, that in the proportion in which my seed springs up and bears fruit will the State cease to enlarge old prisons and to build new ones. Should all the seed sown by our Society, and others of a similar character, spring up and bear fruit, then all the gun-founderies of the world will have to be shut up, and the manufacturers of instruments of slaughter be involved in a universal bankruptcy.' He replied, 'I knew nothing of this great work. All honour to the men who are carrying it on.' 'That is only one side of our work,' I went on to say. 'It has another side. This book is put into men's hands to transform them into the image of the living God.' He grew a little embarrassed, and left me, saying, 'Excuse me, excuse me. The thing is to me quite new. I wish you prosperity.'

"Another gentleman came up and said, 'What an idea! *The Bible at the Exhibition!* Well, after all, it is what was wanted. When one thinks of it, it was a gap; and the

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like a practical people, just pounced upon it and filled it up.' Weisen adds that on the day when a special train brought out the English iron manufacturers, who held their this year's congress in Dusseldorf, many of them came to his stall and seemed pleased, though he could not understand what was said.

"One more incident and I have done :—

## 'A LIVERY SERVANT

came one day up to my stall. I offered him a Gospel. He refused it. He stepped aside and watched the people as they came and went with their Gospels in their hands. He then came up again and said, 'What earthly object can you have in view in giving the books away in that manner?' I said, 'This is God's Word, and it says that *you* are a lost sinner.' He started. 'Didn't your father and mother tell you so when when you were a boy, and urge you to fear God and seek to save your soul?' 'That is quite true,' he replied. 'Well,' I said, 'have you done it?' 'No, I have not,' was his answer. 'Are you going to do it?' 'Well, I don't know, but at any rate show me a Bible. What does it cost?' He bought it, walked away with it under his arm, apparently greatly moved.

"In conclusion let me say that I yesterday morning received a letter from Mr. Marriott, announcing the despatch to Frankfort of the first thousand marks (£50) as a contribution of our Rhenish and Westphalian friends towards the expense of our Exhibition. To me personally the joy of this work is doubled by the fact that it is the joint work of ourselves and our German brethren."

## THE BIBLE HAS ITS PLACE OUTSIDE.

The following letter from the Rev. G. Palmer Davies will be read with special interest. It is dated September 30 :—

"The work in Dusseldorf will soon close, and then a full report of our experience will reach you. One incident has been so encouraging, and so out of the ordinary course of our experience, that I cannot help sending it at once.