

COLONIAL AND INDIAN EXHIBITION.

The Society has been greatly indebted to the kindness of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Executive of the Royal Commission, for the favourable positions granted to it in the Exhibition this year. As stated in the May number of the *Reporter* (p. 77), on the application of the Right Hon. the Earl of Harrowby, President, space for a kiosk, in which versions of the Holy Scriptures, in one hundred and thirty-four languages and dialects spoken in the British Empire, were displayed, was granted in the South Africa section of the Queen's Gate Annex; and the shop, No. 14, in Old London street, was placed at the service of the Society for the sale of the Scriptures. The results have been most satisfactory in respect to the numbers of copies purchased. The issue of the penny Testament since the Fisheries Exhibition took place has greatly increased the number of Scriptures sold, at the same time that the sum received in return is much less. The outlay is increased by the fact that the Penny Testament is sold at half its cost. The number sold in the recent Exhibition was 15,775. The following table gives the figures for the three Exhibitions at which the Society has been allowed to make sales. At the Health Exhibition they were prohibited :

Exhibition.	Sales.			Total Scriptures	"Gospel in many Tongues," etc., sold.	Total of all Publications.	Receipts.		
	Bibles.	Testaments.	Portions.						
Fisheries....	3,111	5,397	2,708	11,216	438	11,654	£	s.	d.
Inventions...	849	11,746	1,388	13,978	1,562	15,540	600	14	4
Colonial.....	2,799	23,310	1,402	27,511	4,156	31,667	206	6	8
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In addition to the books sold, 100,000 special papers, referring to the Society's work in various parts of the world, were given away. Ladies and gentlemen from all parts of the Colonies have expressed their satisfaction at what the Society has accomplished in the translation and diffusion of the Word of God, and at its exhibit on this occasion.

THE BIBLE THE CHARTER OF HOPE.

"But in order that we may feel truly what this marvelous breadth and variety of the Bible means, we must endeavour to look upon the facts which it meets—facts greater than the facts of personal experience. To do this is not easy. It requires a serious and painful effort, from which we are inclined to hold ourselves excused. We are all for the most part busily occupied with the cares, the problems, the lessons of our own place and time. The range of our activity tends to limit the range of our interest; and we yield to the temptation of forgetting the great deserts of barbarism which are spread over the face of the earth—the long ages of dull monotony which represent the life of many peoples. But those dreary spaces also belong to the history of that one body of mankind of which we are members, of that planet which was the scene of the Incarnation. We must, then, it is evident, let our eyes rest also on these if we would take just account of the whole counsel of God. We must be able to bring these within the range of our Father's care if we are to have hope. For, as we put the question to ourselves, we are constrained to confess that every race of men, the most forlorn and fallen, is part of that humanity which Christ has taken to Himself; that