

those who support the Bible Society, those who have no money, can obtain a Bible without money and without price. Bibles are so cheap now, and so easily obtained, that every Sabbath-school scholar may have one if he wishes. No one ought to be destitute of this precious Book. And all ought to be thankful, that by the improvements in the art of printing, and through the influence of Bible Societies, the Bible can be so easily obtained.

Let our young friends be careful not to undervalue the Holy Scriptures, because they have become so common and can be obtained so cheaply. Remember, they are the word of God, and therefore should be read with serious attention and humble prayer. Without his blessing, they will not make you wise unto salvation.

DISTRIBUTION OF BIBLES.

We are happy to state, that, notwithstanding the disturbances around us, the work of distributing the word of God is going forward. The Agent of the Society, Mr. Elliot, continues to visit the unsupplied places within his reach, and to furnish them with the bread of life. His reception and success are encouraging. If ever there was a time in the history of this Province, in which, more than another, the exertions and prayers of Christians are called for, and the propagation of good sentiments needed, the present is that time. If the principles of the Bible were universally diffused, and received, and acted upon, what different tidings would reach our ears from those which now so frequently distress us. Instead of "wars and rumours of wars" between those who ought to be brethren, we should hear the sounds of "peace and good will," and reports of exertions for the common good, and of efforts for the spread of Divine truth. "The weapons of our warfare" would

not then be "carnal," and directed against each other, but "spiritual," and directed against the common foe of God and man. As believers in the Gospel, and friends of God's truth, we have no doubt that all will be overruled for good; and that He who stilleth the waves when they arise, will "still the tumult of the people," and make the wrath and indiscretions of evil-minded and misguided men to praise him, and to promote his glory. Let us all be found at our posts, active in our duty, and trusting in the Lord; and let us be frequently at the Throne of Grace, imploring the Divine blessing upon us; and, remembering that "except the Lord keep the city the watchman waketh but in vain;" let us repose upon his care, trust in his arm, seek his protection, and endeavour to diffusc among the population around us the light of his salvation and the blessings of his love.

Poetry.

By JAMES MONTGOMERY, in illustration of Mal. iii. 3.

[The beautiful illustration of this passage, inserted on page 62, takes another form of beauty in the following exquisite lines from the pen of our estimable friend, JAMES MONTGOMERY, a name eminently dear to genius and devotion. ED. B. A.]

He that from dross would win the precious ore,
Bends o'er the crucible an earnest eye,
The subtle searching process to explore,
Lest the one brilliant moment should pass by,
When in the molten silver's virgin mass
He meets his pictured face, as in a glass.

Thus in God's furnace are his people tried;
Thrice happy they who to the end endure:
But who the fiery trial may abide?
Who from the crucible come forth so pure,
That He, whose eyes of flame look through the
whole,
May see his image perfect in the soul?

Nor with an evanescent glimpse alone,
As in that mirror the refiner's face;
But stamp'd with heaven's broad signet, there be
shewn
Immanuel's features, full of truth and grace.
And round that seal of love this motto be,
"Not for a moment, but—eternity!"
—The Church.

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