

EXTRACTS FROM PAPER.

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The work of the Bible-woman, especially in our manufacturing cities, is as important, if not more so, than the work of a missionary; for it seldom happens that the husband is found at home during the day, whilst the wife and children are nearly always to be found at that time. The Bible-woman, in such cases, will gain access to the home, when, in many cases, it is impossible for the missionary to do so. Women are, in general, easy of access, if it is a woman they have to deal with. Women have more confidence in one another in this kind of work than they have in men, especially when it is a stranger that presents himself. Women are more communicative with one another than they are or could be with men. The Bible-woman who is polite and affable in her manners can gain access to and be welcome in almost any home she desires to visit.

We must, however, draw exceptions to this rule whenever the subject of conversation is upon religious matters. The Bible woman is welcome everywhere until the priest arouses the people against her.

When the men are at home the Bible-woman will be less liable to be molested than a man, for it is seldom that a man would so far forget himself as to be rude to a woman, even if he does not enter into her views. As she visits from house to house, she reads the Bible, exhorts and prays with the family when she is allowed to do so. This a man cannot always do.