

son more qualified, and who can strike a greater influence upon the sick and dying than the intelligent female in the sick room and upon the bed of death. Here she appears as an angel of light, imparting instruction and salvation to the needy, and those who are ready to perish. Visiting the sick is not only a duty enjoined upon us in the scriptures, but also one of those virtues that is noticed and rewarded by the Saviour himself at the day of judgment. "I was sick and ye visited me." And Jesus himself went about healing all manner of sickness.

4—THE CHARITIES OF THE CHURCH.

This is eminently her sphere of action, and where her energies and power can shine with brilliancy and lustre. Not only do we see her influence in going round from door to door in collecting the means of doing good, but also in distributing from house to house the means put into her hand, to accomplish the object of her benevolent designs. Sometimes it is bread for the hungry—at another time clothing for the naked—and again a tract as food for the mind and impression for the heart. In this situation the influence and power of woman, is seen and felt by the whole community, and the tract distributor is doing as much for her generation, in the circle in which she is moving, as the Minister of the Gospel in the pulpit. They are both preachers. The one more public and open; the other more secret, though sometimes more effectual.

Woman has always been the foremost in the support of the christian church, She was the first in the transgression, and the first to bring in the promised blessing. The seed of the woman was to bruise the head of the serpent. She was among the chief friends of our Lord when on earth, and the foremost among those who wept at his sufferings, and the first who ran to the sepulchre after his death. She was the first to tell the tidings of his resurrection. In reading the history of the church, we find her in all its departments