

in 1851; the Punjab in 1852; Mauritius in 1856; the Niger and the North Pacific in 1857; Oudh, the Santal, and Athabasca in 1858; Madagascar in 1860; Japan in 1869; Persia in 1875; the Nyanza in 1876. In all the Society has from the beginning sent out 800 missionaries (men), of whom 430 were trained at the Islington Mission College and 126 were university graduates. There were no converts in the first twenty years, and no baptisms. Now, there are 30,000 communicants, and 120,000 adherents, while in 1877 2,355 adults and 4,618 children were baptized.—*Selected.*

"I CAN READ MY BIBLE AT HOME."

THEN you have cause for gratitude that you *can* read and that you *have* the Bible, of both of which privileges thousands are deprived, and you should express your gratitude by keeping all God's ordinances. But by your excuse, you mean that you propose not to go to Church, because you can read the Bible at home. You *can*, but *do* you read it? No! for it would be strange to see one not taking pleasure in public worship, yet delighting to read the Bible that enjoins that worship. To stay at home when opportunity is afforded for public worship, is in direct opposition to the Apostle's direction, "not to forsake the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is;" and if *they* were not to neglect it, when persecution raged against Christian assemblies, how can you omit it, who have none to molest you? To read the Bible at home instead of assembling for worship would destroy the

Church, which can be known to the world, only by the visible acts of its members. Then we could not know that Christ has any friends, or who they are. Let the members of any other society make the experiment of neglecting the times of meeting, on the plea that they can read its constitution and history at *home*, and soon there would be no society to neglect. No! you can, indeed, read the Bible at home, but you do not, and will not, so long as, with such an excuse, you break the Lord's Day.—*Legend, or Feigned Excuses.*

USE YOUR PRAYER BOOK

WHY NOT?

In the most solemn manner you have professed yourself a Christian.

As a Christian it is your bounden duty to WORSHIP God with the homage of your whole being, body, soul and spirit.

The Prayer Book furnishes you a manual,—scriptural, earnest, and elevated,—fragrant with the aroma of heavenly devotion,—by which your worship may be fitly guided.

Then why not? Why not worship God when you come to Church? Why not worship God in the language of the Prayer Book? Why not express your worship in the mode prescribed by the Church to which you belong?

Use your Prayer Book!

UNREALITY.

ONE of the besetting sins of our day and generation is Unreality. Look around, how little of what we see is real and substantial? How universally is the imitation substituted for the genuine? The hollow