

clergy and nonconforming ministers have from time to time assisted Mr. Sampson in his splendid efforts—the present Bishop of Liverpool, Dr. Oswald Dykes, Canon Bardsley, Canon Forester, the Rev. Gerard Smith, the Rev. W. H. Aitken, F. Wright, Esq., of Osmaston Manor, Colonel Holden, W. S. Allen, Esq., M.P., Marcus Wright, Esq., &c. A year ago Mr. Sampson's health was so feeble that no meeting could be held; but Mr. Marcus Wright made up for the loss by collecting over £60. The amount contributed to the Parent Society by this little association—for the population is under 400—is more than £1,000."

Mr. Cohen dwells upon the valuable work done by lady collectors, who in several parts of the Metropolis go about among their poorer neighbours, inducing them to purchase Bibles for themselves by weekly instalments. This self denying work deserves all honour:—

"A BRAVE LADY.

"At one house in —, a member of the Ladies' Committee had often called, and as often been repulsed. At last a message came: 'Mrs. — wishes to see you.' Our friend went thinking that after all the people wished to subscribe for a Bible. When she entered the room, Mrs. —, a powerful and turbulent woman, placed her back against the door, and said, 'You are the impudent young lady who goes about asking poor people to buy Bibles! What do we want with the Bible? Here you stay till we choose to let you out.' 'Very well,' said the young lady, quietly seating herself, 'I came hoping you had sent for me to take your name as a subscriber for the Bible, and I will take it even now if you will let me.' She trembled at her own temerity as she uttered the words; but though foul language was used, no further actual violence was done, and after an imprisonment of some twenty minutes she was suffered to go forth. Nothing daunted, that lady collector bravely maintains her post and continues her work."

Two special efforts have been made during the year. One was at the Wimbledon Camp, where the society shared a tent with the Christian Colportage Association, and had also a Bible cart which roved through the camp.

"The sales were much larger than last year, amounting to 194 copies (50 Bibles, 106 Testaments and 38 Portions), including English, Welsh, Gaelic, French, Italian, German, Hebrew Portions, a Canarese Testament, and—strangely enough in a place where so many keen-sighted marksmen were gathered—ten portions of the Old and New Testaments in 'Moon's system for the blind.'"

The other effort was at the Islington Cattle Show, where the Directors kindly allowed space in the gallery of the small hall, free of charge. Each day of the Show attendance was given from morning until eleven at night by Mr. Nicholls, the Assistant Agent, and the colporteur Dorgan. They found incessant work among the crowds that passed by; and sold 135 Bibles, 137 Testaments, and 52 Portions, among visitors to the stall in many cases after animated and interesting conversation."

"Redditch, is now well known for its good work, Mr. Milward is a worthy successor to his father there. It is a real privilege to be invited to address the great gathering of breadwinners at Morning Prayer in his factory, with several of whom I had cheering conversation afterwards; they have a prolific Bible-box in the factory. At Stourport Mrs. Harrison presides over a whole college of lady collectors, and we had a most interesting and useful meeting. This place and Bewdley have caught much of the loving spirit of the late sweet singer of our Israel who lived, and now rests, among them. The Bible was with Frances Ridley Havergal what it was with Charlotte Elliott, and it is not strange that we have several excellent meetings round Winterdyne."

FRANCE.

"People are disgusted with the absence of conscientiousness in the teaching