

as well as other places ; and has opened up a wide field for usefulness. One lady writes, "On calling upon a subscriber, she told us that there was a family next house in great distress ; part of them in the Hospital, suffering from the prevailing fever ; the remainder sick at home. They were then without food, or the means of obtaining it. The visitors were enabled, with the assistance of a friend, to relieve the family to some extent, during their illness. The father was an intemperate man, but he promised to join the Temperance Society."

"Another family" (say the collectors for the same district), "were found in distress ; they had lost two children at the Quarantine Station, in Quebec, and had suffered much from sickness and other causes. Clothing having been obtained for the children of this family, they have since gone to Sabbath Schools."

Another Report states, "We have met with an emigrant family this month, for whom we have felt much sympathy. The mother had died of a fever, in Kingston, a week or two before, in passing through. Five children (the youngest not much more than a year old) were seated round the fire. The father told us he was going to the country in another week, after the children had rested a little. How desolate this family looked ! a girl, not more than eleven years old, was the only person that could at all supply the mother's place !"

To any one who really wishes to be useful, we would say, that our Association serves as an introduction to all classes of Society ; and the visitors may turn it to account in many ways. They may literally "Sow beside all waters."

We do not deny that there are discouragements to be met with in this, as in every field of duty. Wickedness is abundant in every form.

One lady writes, "It pains us much to state, that several of our subscribers have turned out to be of very dissipated habits ; and, consequently, have not been able to pay regularly what they promised ; and it is not uncommon for us to go round the district without collecting more than a shilling. However, we feel much interested in the work ; and are resolved to try it a little longer, humbly relying on the Divine promise and blessing, that while we go forth, a little dispirited, to scatter the precious seed, we may return in joy, bringing our 'sheaves with us.'"

Another Report says, "We entered a house where a number of shoemakers were at work, and, on asking them if they had Bibles, were met with a rude laugh ; and the answer, 'All the Bibles that we want is plenty to eat and drink.' On our remarking that 'the bread which perisheth' would not be the greatest object of his care on a dying bed ; another, in a mocking tone, said, 'At any rate, we will be the better of a shilling in our pockets, to pay our way over to the other side.' In the next house we met with an old man, who had nearly reached his one hundredth year : he seemed wonderfully stout and active ; but, alas ! we fear he is not taking advantage of the day of mercy, so lengthened out to him ; for he did not seem to value the Bible. His first excuse was, that he could not see to read ; but when we spoke of the precious promises contained in the Word of God, and offered to read some of them for him, he said he had no wish that we should do so !"

"One very aged woman," says another Report, "when asked if she had a Bible, said she did not want one ; adding she had a book which would take her to heaven, and that was a prayer-book !"

We have repeatedly been met with the remark, "Why go to ask people to buy the Bible ? It is cheap enough ; and, if they wish it, they can get it for themselves." In answer to this, we would say, unfortunately people are not always anxious to do so : they need sometimes to be urged even to this. We would also expect that men would enquire eagerly after the way of salvation ; but is it not the fact, that the Gospel must be pressed upon them ? We must, in obedience to our blessed Saviour's commands, "Go out unto the highways, and compel men to come in."

We may perhaps be permitted to add, that the benefits to be derived, are not all on the side of the persons visited. The promise is, "He that watereth others, his own soul shall be watered."

While all the visits in an imperfect manner in v has had cause to regret with the value of the with fresh force upon scenes of wretchedness feeling grateful for the good. It is true, vice misery ; but still they added to their outward

In conclusion, we w Canada Bible Society, our free subscriptions, above mentioned Soc vince with the Word o

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