

The Women are in it.

Look at Ps. lxxviii, v. 11, but, please, read it in the Revised Version—"The Lord giveth the Word: the women that publish the tidings are a great host." It was so in David's days,—it is more so now. They get into places and do a work beyond the reach of men. But here are facts, and they are furnished by the work of the Parent Society:—

A special meeting was held at the Bible House, Queen Victoria street, London, on Thursday afternoon, the 3rd of May, in aid of the British and Foreign Bible Society's Missions to women in the East. Mrs. Frederick E. Wigham occupied the chair. In her opening remarks she said it was encouraging to find from the society's report for the past year that the returns from the Bible women—402 in number—who were more or less maintained by the society's grants in the year ending September 30th, 1893, were in all respects encouraging. The number of Bible women receiving grants had increased by 32. The number of native women to whom, on an average, the Scriptures were read by them had grown to 527 a week more than before, and stood now at 22,014. Out of those who were being taught by the Bible women to read, no less than 1,577 native women had attained within the year the power of being able to read the Scriptures for themselves. The whole circulation for the year came to 15,931 Bibles, Testaments, or detached books of Scripture, being an increase of 2,754 copies on the circulation of 1891-2. The 402 Bible women were geographically distributed thus:—India 291, Ceylon 69, Syria and Palestine 14, Egypt 16, China 8, Mauritius and the Seychelles 4. Thus a very large number—360—of these were in India and Ceylon, and the other 42 in Palestine, Syria, China, and the Mauritius. The reports continued to bear ample evidence of the high spiritual value of their work. Their chief feeling must, therefore, be one of thankfulness that God had so blessed this society from the commencement that He had enabled it to be of such service to the numerous societies who sought the spread of His kingdom. There were 44 Bible women employed by the Church Missionary Society, who had grants made to them by this society, and amongst other useful bodies who received a good deal of support were the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge and the Ladies' Association. Our Saviour in sending forth His disciples told them to teach all nations. Let them ask God to send down upon their efforts more and more of His spiritual gifts, so that there might be a much greater company of those who took the Bible to the heathen, and were able to explain it to the saving of souls, and the edifying of those who already believed.

The addresses which followed were all delivered by ladies, and are well worth a place in the REPORTER. Perhaps in a future issue we may give a synopsis of them.