

faithfully and cautiously. In some cases they too would express their satisfaction at seeing the "bookman" visit them. Now, that schools are generally kept among them, the young people in particular rejoice to see the box of books and tracts opened before them. Though there are many among them who do not value much anything that is different from their own forms and ceremonies, there are others who will act more independently, and choose books that will be both interesting and instructive.

"I also found that the oftener they were visited, the more they valued our books, and consequently they would purchase more.

"We meet with encouraging incidents in our visits. Last summer I called at a house where there were none at home but children. The eldest was a young girl that had taught school some time. When I opened the box of books, she said—'there was none of them she would rather have than the Bible, but as it was not a Catholic one she was afraid her father would be displeased with her if she took it.' I did not urge her much to take it, but after some further conversation she examined the Bible and read some of the other books, and thought the Bible was the best of them all, and decided on taking it.

"I called at another house where there was a number of young men—all Roman Catholics. I showed them the books. They looked at them and read in some of them some time, and then said they were too religious—that if they were story books they would like them better. But one of them took a copy of the Bible and said, 'he would keep it—that he had been long wishing to get one, but could not come across any.' 'O, that is not your Bible,' said the others to him. 'I know it is not a Catholic Bible,' he said, 'but there is not much difference between them—only in a few words differently translated, and I can put that all right myself.' They could not persuade him to leave it. I admired his courage very much, for it is very rare to see among them so much independence of thought and action,—situated as he was among his companions—all seemingly against him. I find that they are much readier to accept of a good book when alone than when in the company of others."

Another writes:—"I visited 227 families, mostly Roman Catholics; sold Bibles and Testaments, with other books, to the amount of fifty dollars. They seemed well pleased to see one going from house to house, offering them books to buy. Some objected on the ground that they were books which were not allowed them to read; but they would buy a Bible since they where so cheap, for the purpose of comparing it with their own. I am told that they gather together to read and find out the difference between their own and ours. The Society is the means appointed by God for sending His word to every poor family. He will bless it to them in His own good time.

Another writes:—"I gave a Bible to an old lady in poor circumstances. Since closing my labours for the Society I had the privilege of visiting her, when she stated that she was happy in a Saviour's

love, and that the way of Peace,

Another who years past, written that the summer, in the has commenced anxiously inquired Lord visited them that four of sinners the same the way to be saved

Another who a meeting in a man on the subject to talk to me, but me and said that and now that I him, I found that plained to him that appeared to understand through Christ. had found peace not give his hope

"I was asked her if she expected because she never one little sin would dreadful,' for she about Jesus and I could. While to her, perhaps she believed the Bible. While I was at hope was wrong and that she felt Bible. I visited and said that Jesus

"I met another anxious about his God did not answer case, I found that to show him his Lord's work for said that he never this kind. Two of Society. I felt so the second time. I