

I would like sometimes to read a chapter for myself." This woman has since been supplied.

A considerable number of subscribers for Family Bibles has been obtained. Many are prevented from purchasing them, from their comparatively high price, although they may desire to have them; and they gladly avail themselves of the opportunity given them, of supplying themselves through our Association. They can spare a small sum weekly towards this valuable addition to their family library, although they could not have paid the whole at once.

The Ladies' Association has adopted the system of a loan-stock, that is, keeping on hand a supply of Bibles and Testaments, to be lent when found necessary. Most of those who have applied, are persons subscribing for Bibles, who retain the loan till they receive their own; others are poor persons, unable to contribute.

It has been thought, that they would be less likely to sell or injure the books, when given as a loan; though they will never be recalled, if the receivers wish to retain them.

After supplying the poor of Toronto, the overplus of money arising from the free subscriptions is added to the funds of the Upper Canada Bible Society, whose claims being now before the public, do not here require our advocacy. It is not intended that the Ladies' Association should at all interfere with the regular subscriptions of the parent Society; our money being generally collected from females and children, to some extent from a class not likely to have been called upon otherwise, although able and willing to give a small sum.

The money is collected *weekly, monthly, quarterly* or *annually*, as best suits the subscriber. The payment of 2s. 6d. a-year renders one a member of the Society; consequently, 7½d. quarterly is all that is wanted; and surely there are few who cannot give so trifling a sum. Two of the collectors met with a gentleman, during their visits, who, after subscribing himself, asked his children if they were willing to save, out of their own little fund, 7½d. every three months, to assist the Bible cause. Having answered in the affirmative, their names were at once entered in the subscription-book.

How easily might parents induce their children to make such an exertion! Every child has something at his disposal, and too often spends his money in such a way as to do harm instead of good.

We must bear testimony to the willingness with which the labouring classes have contributed their mite. The visitors have, in many cases, met with a kinder reception from them than from those who had more to give. "A poor widow," writes a lady, "gave me her name, as a free contributor, for a penny a-week, testifying that the Lord had fulfilled to her his blessed promise: 'I will be a father to the fatherless, and a husband to the widow;' and what she could spare, she said, she would cheerfully give to the Lord, who had supplied all her wants for fourteen years."

The visitors for our Association have many ways of being useful, besides the distribution of the Sacred Scriptures.