

port of the Cookstown Ladies' Association, will be heard with interest:—"The reception which the ladies met with in their visits, as collectors, was most encouraging. They were almost uniformly received with gratitude, and in many instances followed to the doors with repeated blessings. The whole number of names obtained on the first day was 290, nearly one half of whom were free contributors of one penny per week, to the funds of the Society, and the remainder, subscribers of small weekly sums, for the purchase of the Scriptures."

The following fact will prove that poverty is no bar to subscribing for the word of God, and should encourage those who engage in the work to visit every habitation, however apparently wretched. "In canvassing one District in the city of Dublin, a person was applied to, of rather decent appearance, who declined subscribing, alledging that he could not afford it. The Collectors asked him if there were any lodgers in the house, to which he replied, 'There are several, but they are so miserably poor, that you may save yourselves the trouble of going up to them. They however went up; and although they found the report not exaggerated, they obtained three subscribers for Bibles. On telling the man below of their success, he said, 'I am ashamed of myself, and put his name down as a subscriber.'"

At the Anniversary of the Dublin Auxiliary Bible Society an interesting anecdote of a Reverend Gentleman respecting a Convict, now at Botany Bay, was not narrated in vain. The incident having been mentioned among a few female convicts, produced a considerable impression: five of them immediately came forward with voluntary subscriptions of a penny a week out of their small earnings, and since that time, THREE more have added their contributions to circulate that volume which is so peculiarly adapted to bind up the broken hearted, to set the captive at liberty, and to speak peace to the wretched & guilty. The Report thus concludes—"The

Committee are persuaded that the best answer to every objection with which the Society can be assailed, is, to recur to the fundamental principles of its constitution. It is a voluntary association of private individuals, for the procuring and disseminating of the pure unalloyed word of God; which lays claim to no authority, which offers violence to no man's conscience; but which, in the spirit of Christian meekness, solicits the assistance of all who approve of its object, and leaves others without censure or uncharitable judgment, to follow the dictates of their own consciences. It seeks to combine the efforts of Christians of every denomination; because any difference of opinion among the individuals that compose the Society, can have no tendency to alter the books, which they merely purchase and sell again, or distribute gratuitously. It depends solely on the liberality of the public, from year to year, as it has no fund laid up for permanent support, nor any other resource than the spontaneous benevolence of Christians; which circumstance, furnishes the most effectual security for the prudent, conscientious, and economical employment of the fund entrusted to it.

"Your Committee, in resigning the office entrusted to them, would again solemnly commit the interests of the Society into His hands, who alone can command prosperity; and their earnest and united supplication is, that in His own time, and by instruments of His own selecting, He may cause His name to be known upon earth, and His saving health among all nations."

We next have the ninth Report of the Frome Auxiliary, and the first Report of the Ladies' Association, in connexion with the same. Success appears to have propitiously crowned their exertions.

The following is one among the many fruits of their labours.

"A poor woman, who was herself unable to read, was induced to subscribe for a Bible for her children, and, upon being urged to attend an Adult School, and obtain instruction, promised to con-