

USEFULNESS OF BOOKS—"COMPANION TO THE BIBLE."

Met with a mate to whom I had formerly given a copy of *THE COMPANION TO THE BIBLE*. When I first saw him, he had been imbibing infidel principles, for he would not believe there was any hell; said the Old Testament contained nothing about it; and that it was only invented by the monks of the middle ages. This caused me to give him *THE COMPANION TO THE BIBLE*. He declared that no book had edified him so much. Then he affirmed, holding the little book in his hand, "I might read the Bible for years, and not understand so much of it as that little book has taught me."

Bunyan still Teaching.

An aged female, in whom one of our visitors had long felt an anxious interest, appears to have received a knowledge of the truth. She used to be very ready to talk of religion, and seemed satisfied with her own state, and content to rest upon the mercy of God, and the conviction that she had done the best she could. The tract entitled, *COME AND WELCOME TO JESUS CHRIST*, was left with her, from the perusal of which she seemed to gain new views; and, on being asked lately as to her hopes, replied, "Oh, ma'am! since you left that tract with me about Jesus Christ, I see I cannot save myself; he only can do it, and I trust to him alone."

"BELIEVE AND BE SAVED."

In visitation, I met with Mrs. E., a pious woman. Her case illustrates the blessings often produced by the perusal of a tract. She stated, that, between two and three years ago, she was brought under deep conviction of sin, and she longed and prayed for forgiveness; but though she heard the gospel preached, and frequently conversed with pious persons respecting her state, she obtained no clear view of how God could be just, and yet justify the sinner; and, consequently, had no comfort or peace till, in the course of God's providence, the tract, *BELIEVE AND BE SAVED* fell into her hands; and as she read, light shone into her mind, and believing, she was enabled to rejoice in the fulness and freeness of the salvation provided for the lost in Christ Jesus. She has since maintained a consistent walk, and is now a distributor of those silent teachers, one of which was made to speak so effectually to her own heart.

A TRACT MADE USEFUL.

"To-day, calling at her house, I found _____ sitting in the parlour, reading her Testament. She brought out the tract called *OLD ANDREW*. Holding it in her hand, she said, 'This is a good tract; will you give me leave to keep it? For while my husband read it to me, my heart was so affected, that the tears flowed from my eyes. I went up stairs, fell on my knees at my bed side, and poured out my supplications to the Lord, who hears and answers the prayers of his people. I have had many pleasing conversations with her, on the evil of sin; the love of God in the gift of his Son; and the happiness of those who believe in Christ, and walk consistently before God. 'I am always happy,' said she, 'when you call to read and converse on the love of Jesus in dying to save us.' She is regular in her attendance at a place of worship."