

a man reading an article in the "Witness;" he drew a meaning from it quite different from what another man would take from it; and if *he* read the same article, he would take a different view from either of them. I answered that the article in the Witness would still be same for all that, and that the evangelical Churches were agreed upon points essential to salvation; and that any religion that had not the word of God or sift foundation, was no religion at all. "But," I said, "I will tell you something that will teach you to understand the Bible better than Greek or Latin. Ask God for the enlightening influences of his Spirit, and he will teach you to find out the way, from his word, that leads to life everlasting." As I left him, he told me to be sure not to forget to fetch him some tracts next time I came.

CONCLUSION.

The Committee have again been permitted, by the blessing of Almighty God, to bring the labors of another year to a close, and to present a sketch of those labors, and of the result, to the friends of the Society and the public.

As they review the past, and consider its trials and its mercies, they desire to look up with faith to their heavenly Father, saying "because thou hast been our help therefore under the shadow of thy wings will we trust," and in dependence upon this strength and protection, not to slack their hand.

Successful labor in the field of the world brings no rest; rather it increases the demand for more laborers, until the angels, the reapers, are sent to gather in the harvest. The Committee do not shrink from the responsibility laid upon them, but they earnestly call upon the British public, through the Parent Society, and the Christian community in this country, to enable them not only to maintain the work now going on, but to increase and extend it as opportunities offer.

Emigration from the British Isles, makes a most piteous appeal to the Society, for ministrations and education which the poor emigrant cannot for some years provide for himself and little ones.

British seamen by thousands visit this port, and many sad and dreadful instances might be adduced of the temptations to which they are exposed, and many cheering examples of what may be done amongst this valuable class of men.