

BIBLE WOMAN'S REPORT.

To the President of the St. John Branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society:

In entering on my seventh year of Bible work, I would acknowledge, first, the protecting care of our Heavenly Father, in whose hands are all our ways. The work is progressing in interest and power. Early in the year our new Bible woman came; for a while we visited together, and our work was very pleasant; later we parted, and she is now in other parts of the city doing a good work in the homes she visits. I have passed through my usual scenes of light and shade during the year, and the many strange people I have visited, the stories of sin and suffering to which I have listened, and through the reading of God's Word and prayer have endeavored to lead them from their evil ways and show to them the power of the Master's love. Many of my old friends have passed away, and though they were very humble, yet I miss them, having had such close connection with them in my visitations. Even my Roman Catholic friends among them are drawing nearer as the years roll on; and though their religion is full of shadow and darkness, yet I find much of common interest in my intercourse with them. When I cannot get them to understand, and they and I grow very earnest, I turn to my favorite chapter, thirteenth of first Corinthians, which is a wonderful chapter on which we can meet on common ground.

One of them told me their church was the only true church. She was very angry at a clergyman who spoke of some of its false teaching. Not wishing to leave her with a false impression of our religion, I said: "I will not argue about our churches, I will turn to God's Word. I believe this chapter is the same in your version and mine." I then turned to the chapter before mentioned. After reading it through, I spoke of God's love and said: "No matter to what church we belong, if we do not love one another we cannot see God." You would be surprised to hear what answer she gave me. "Oh, Miss, it is in our church you ought to be; you would make a splendid nun."

I have paid many visits to the Public Hospital during the year and found some very interesting cases. An old woman who lived in an alley off one of our public streets sent for me, and I