

nothing to give, but the girl seemed so anxious to have a Testament, that we determined to give her one, although contrary to the ordinary rules of our Association. We had, afterwards, reason to feel glad that we had done so; for, when we next called, we found that the miserable old woman had been suddenly summoned into the presence of her Maker, having died of the fever introduced by her sister, an emigrant, who was also cut off by it a few hours afterwards. The daughter was now lying dangerously ill, in the Hospital; and, though never able to learn any farther particulars of her, we were thankful that we had given her the Testament. It is the duty of the visitors not only to distribute the Bible, but also to call attention to the importance of studying it; and the very fact that individuals are going about from house to house, making enquiries on this subject, may lead to profitable reflection.

There are only two other Societies that embrace the great object of visiting every house in the city: these are the City Mission, and Tract Distribution Societies. We hope, e'er long, to see the former more liberally supported by the public, so that its operations may be extended.

In visiting, we have often been struck with the fact, that while those who attend church, and are comparatively well instructed, receive every kindness and sympathy from Christian friends, the poor miserable beings who never come within the sound of the preached Gospel too often lie upon their sick and dying beds without any one to direct their eye to the Saviour of sinners: to these the City Missionary proves a great blessing, and the Bible and Tract Distributors form desirable coadjutors.

It has often been suggested to our visitors, that we might unite the distribution of Bibles and Tracts together; but this cannot be, from the fact that we are at present connected with the British and Foreign Bible Society, which has made it a standing rule, "that the Bible, without note or comment; alone, should be circulated; and that it should be kept distinct from all other Societies."

We may here remark, that there is one great advantage arising from this rule. It leaves our Association open to all Denominations; and it has ever been the wish of the ladies connected with it that it should include all. On its first formation, the Protestant Clergymen of the city were applied to, each of whom furnished a list of members of his congregation likely to take an interest in such an undertaking. From this list the original committee was formed; and we may add, that none of these names were dropped till the individuals declined to act.

We continue to hold our monthly meetings at the Bible Depository; a place alike accessible to all Denominations.

The Association still finds it better to lend Bibles, than to give them gratuitously. In several cases individuals have left town before supplying themselves with others, and they have always been permitted to take the loaned copy with them: indeed, no Bible has ever been recalled till its place has been supplied by another.

In many cases the Distributors would prefer giving the money themselves, or presenting free Bibles, were it not from the persuasion that the receivers will prize them more highly when they have paid for them themselves; and the fact, that however long they may take to pay their subscription, they will not suffer, as they are, meanwhile, supplied from the Loan Stock.

The following are a few of the cases reported, in connection with this Fund:—
"A respectable female emigrant, though a Romanist, desires the loan of a Bible. Her name is C. B—. She has been left very destitute, by the death of her husband, and is striving to gain her living by sewing." "A family named —, have applied for the loan of a large Bible; there are three aged persons, unable to read the only copy of the Scriptures in the house, owing to the smallness of the print. They seem very poor, but respectable." "J. P—, a poor widow, residing in — Street, expressed a wish to be supplied with a Bible. She has one, but it is old, and too small to be of any use to her. She has several children to support, and is

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