

CONCLUSION.

WE have thus as concisely as possible laid before the Christian public a summary of the work of the Society for the past year. By the good hand of God upon us, we have now been permitted and privileged during eleven eventful years, to sow the seed of Divine Truth, far and wide, and to know assuredly that the seed has taken root in prepared soil, has sprung up and ripened to the glory of our Saviour and the salvation of many souls. Our Society has done much to forestall in the homes of our people, a godless and debasing literature, and to beautify and sweeten those homes by the choicest productions of sanctified genius. Every Sabbath day, every day in the year, the publications sent forth from our Depository, tell, at least in three different languages, the story of redeeming love, in the lone cottage, in the rude hamlet, by many a bedside of the sick and dying, in the lumberer's camp, in the shanty of the railway navvy, in the humble hut of the fisherman, in the cabin and the fore-castle of many a vessel in port and on the billowy main.

Heavenly bread and living water are thus dispensed far and near to hungry and thirsty ones who otherwise might perish unpitied and unheeded. And it is on behalf of the perishing, that we appeal to the Christian public for continued help. To die by reason of bodily hunger is dreadful. What would we not give—what would we not do—in presence of the ghastly face, the staring eye, the shrivelled limb, the pleading feebleness of a dying brother: But ah! how infinitely more appalling is the appeal of the hungry, famine-stricken, perishing soul. Satan's poison—literature of a corrupting, degrading, polluting character—will occupy the fields that we do not reach. There will be either famine or moral putrefaction if the bread of life and the light of Divine Truth be withheld. This Society does not seek to promote the interest of any one sect or church. It has no message of sectarianism to any soul of man. God forbid that it ever should leave its high vantage ground of evangelical Christianity, to become merely the feeble tool of proselyting zealots. To do so would be to prove false to the honorable record of eleven years of labour in the Lord's vineyard,—false to its own principles,—false to manly honour and to faith in God. We have been privileged to expend a quarter of a million dollars in diffusing Bible Truth. In the past year we circulated 15,000 copies of the Holy Scriptures, and in the

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