

Saviour. It is wonderful how some books impress you almost from the moment you open them. You cannot, for instance, read much in the sermons of M'Cheyne without feeling as if the ink were not dry, yet with which they had been written—that they breathe the very spirit of prayer, and that you are addressed now by a loving heart and by a soul that has gone through all phases of spiritual experience.

When we remember the many instances we have had in which the reading not merely of God's Word (although, of course, God's Word stands by itself as His own inspired gift unto us), but the words of His servants have been blessed unto the conversion and instruction of souls, then we cannot but feel deeply interested in a Society like this. It combines, however, both the testimony of the personal agent and the living voice, and the testimony of books which are left in the various houses, so that really it seems to me the perfection of the agency we would like to see employed. We have here the living messenger of Christ going into families, speaking directly with the individual, saying a word as God gives an opportunity, and then he introduces some book in which the counsel of God is more fully set forth, and which is left in the family.

Of course we have a great adversary to contend with. The discovery of the art of printing was a wonderful engine for good, but Satan has also made it a wonderful engine for evil; and just as in our day literature has become very abundant and very cheap, so we must notice that this has been used by the enemy of souls, and much pernicious, infidel, or at all events frivolous and useless, literature is scattered among the people. How very glad ought we to be to counteract it, and to introduce wholesome, evangelical, and spiritual reading in its stead.

APPEAL.

The Committee appeal to all friends of the Redeemer and His cause in our land for their hearty co-operation and liberal support in the work in which the Society is engaged;—to pastors and congregations, to Sunday Schools and their office-bearers, for collections;—to those to whom God has given bountifully, to all according to their ability,—for help in sustaining Colporteurs and gratuitous distribution to the destitute;—to those making a final disposition of their property, to remember the Society's work in their bequests;—to all who can either by their influence or personal efforts, to promote the distribution of tracts or the circulation of the Society's periodicals in their respective neighborhoods. We ask the prayers, the sympathies and active support of all friends of religion and humanity,—of every lover of our common country.

Summary of Colportage for Twelve Years.

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