

church, and begin to serve God, and to train up her children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. *Nothing was said about temporal affairs.*

Dec. 12th.—Eliza writes of the same woman.—Mrs. B. told me that every day since I was seeing her, she has been heard reading the Bible to the children; that she went to Church on Sunday, and is altogether doing better. She promised at my first visit to do all she is now doing. This is very encouraging to me, for many promise, but never seem to perform.

Saw Mrs. A.—She does not drink now, and there is neatness and order where there was disorder and dirt before.

Saw Mrs. B.—She was overjoyed to see me, and shewed me some cotton and flannel she had bought at the "Mother's Meeting." She was very thankful, and said she could never pay me for my kindness, but God would do all that:

The following extracts are from Mrs. Laughlin's journal while first exploring her district.

Jany. 9th.—Called upon Mrs. C. She resides in a miserable garret room. Everything had the appearance of extreme poverty—her children half naked and dirty. The bed she shewed me that her children had to lie on, had only a small thin blanket to cover them with.

Jany. 10th.—Visited a man who told me he could read the Bible for himself. I remarked, God speaks to us by his word, and we ought to listen to the voice of God. As I was about going to a house a short distance from the street, a man told me that I need not break my neck going in there; that they were all good christians and did not need to be converted. I told him I was glad to hear that they were good, but that if he thought I wanted them to change their religion he was much mistaken, I only wanted to read God's word to them and talk to them. He told me they were good enough, and did not need the devil among them. I tried to talk to him, but he withdrew, telling me at the same time, he was afraid of me—that he never was afraid of a woman before, but he could not help being afraid of me.

I called at the doors of about eight others who were unwilling to have the Bible read to them. One man told me that he had a Bible, but it was the cleanest book on his shelf. I told him that was a bad sign; it always looked well to see a Bible well handled. He replied that it was no use for ignorant people who did not understand Greek or Latin to read the Bible, for they always took a wrong meaning out of it. I answered, that I did not understand either Greek or Latin, but I understood enough of the word of God to make me wise unto salvation. He asked me then, how it was there were so many different denominations, was it not because they all took different views of the Bible? He said it was like