

form the nucleus of a good library out of his earnings, a library that may be of immense value both to him and to his home. This is not mere theory. I know of one Wesleyan Band of Hope, in a poor neighbourhood, that sold last year more than 40,000 books and periodicals. Now, who can tell the advantage of such a spread of pure literature—advantages not only to the scholars, but also to the school, the purchaser, and society at large? The fact is, that such an organization would at once turn the whole army of Sunday scholars into colporteurs and home missionaries, and so produce a mighty effect on the population around.

It will also be of great benefit to the young people themselves. It will not only shield them from the terrible drink curse, but will protect them from a large number of dangerous companions. Young men who like the glass, will not want abstainers for their companions, and thus, in the nature of things, the abstainer will escape a fearful peril. It will also do much to develop the moral courage of the members. It is a most humiliating fact that a large number of people are very defective in this respect; especially in matters pertaining to morality and religion. They are governed by feeling, policy, convenience, ease, or worldly interest, rather than by principle. They are therefore, to a large extent, the creatures of circumstances. They can never say "Yes" or "No" on the real merits of a question. They always "Think so too." They neither row nor steer, but drift, and are at the mercy of every wind that blows. Whatever Church or party comes to the front attracts them, like so many particles of dead matter. If they go to a town where Methodism is strong and influential, they take a seat at the Methodist chapel; but if they go to another town where Methodism is weak and poor, they pass by on the other side. Now, this organization, well worked, will do much to remedy this miserable state of things. It will teach the young people to judge, discriminate, decide, and act upon their decision. It may seem