

supposed that there are no cases in which this general rule must not be passed by. Nor is it irrelevant to remark, that, where Bibles, Testaments, or Prayer Books begin to be tattered in school, they may be well removed and given to those who cannot afford to purchase them. A torn Bible will be of little service in a school, but of much in a family.

Bible, Missionary and Tract Societies.

“Should any person wish to contribute to the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge; the Society for propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts; the Bible Society; the Church Missionary Society for teaching Christianity to the Heathens; or to that for converting the Jews; their subscriptions, however small, if taken to the Rev. H. C. Ridley, on the first Sunday, or Monday, in the month, will be thankfully received and carefully forwarded. It is much to be desired, that every one in the parish, who knows the blessing of a Bible, a Prayer Book, and a Church, would put by one penny a week, or a month, for the purpose of extending these blessings to others. There have been 110 weekly or monthly contributors during the last year. It is to be hoped that the number will increase.

It is earnestly desired, that none of the friends of these religious Societies may think them improperly amalgamated; they seem to be all sisters in the grand work of spreading the Gospel, and are all members of the same body. It has been ever an object in Hambleden, not to prefer one above another, but to recommend all equally: and as no feeling of jealousy has ever been excited, so none has ever been expressed. The contributions by yearly, monthly, or weekly subscribers, can never be, in such a parish as Hambleden, very great. The promotion of Christian knowledge in every possible way, is more the object, than raising a sum from among a population, principally consisting of agricultural labourers. The number of subscribers is constantly increasing, there being now 110, whereas five years since there were not above 12. There is a satisfaction evidently felt even by the poorest, in giving a penny monthly towards promoting the objects of these societies. The little sum thus contributed brings to the subscriber's