

and, guided by the precepts of our holy religion, to endure patiently all opposition while in the performance of our duty.

A distributor amongst the military—himself a military man—reports as follows :—

“I bless God, there appears to be a much greater desire for Tracts by my companions in arms, than I have experienced since first engaging in the work ; and I hope that my humble labors have not been ‘as water spilled on the ground,’ but that good has, by the Divine blessing, already been the result. Often has the Tract been the means of preventing the profanation of the Sabbath, and its attendant sins. Soldiers, having much time at command, are peculiarly liable to desecrate the Lord’s day ; but the Tract, as a word in season, being given before the intended schemes can be put into execution, and operating on the conscience, has undoubtedly been productive of happy effects. I am pleased to have it in my power to state, that while engaged in distribution during the month, I have procured seven names to the Temperance Society ; and believing ‘that no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of heaven,’ I feel much encouraged with the result of my labors in this cause. It is much to be lamented, that military men in general pay so little attention to their religious interests ; and I am firmly of opinion, that one of the very best means that can be adopted for their awakening and conversion, is the distribution of Religious Tracts.”

Sailors and emigrants have been abundantly supplied throughout the season by one of our most efficient distributors. The remarks in the foregoing extracts, regarding the usefulness of Tracts in restraining soldiers from profaning the Sabbath, are equally applicable with respect to seamen. The distribution is made early in the morning, before any of the men have gone ashore : the distributor has often the pleasure of seeing many of them busily occupied with the perusal of the Tracts before he leaves the vessel ; and on the Sabbath before each vessel sails, a number is given to the captain, with a request that he will distribute them amongst the sailors during the homeward voyage.

The following extract from the report of the distributors in the prison, is full of interest ; and we would prayerfully entreat the attention of the Christian public to the closing remarks :—

“The distributors in this apparently uninviting field, have lately observed a decided improvement in the conduct of several of the most unruly inmates. That there is, to some extent, a moral influence at present existing in the jail, is manifest ; whether resulting from present management, or from the influence of a constant supply of Tracts, or from a combination of both, is known only to God. They find that the Tracts are more readily taken, and they believe, more generally read than formerly ; the latter they can

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