

and what it says of believers, but in simplicity to accept what it reveals of God's thoughts about his children.

Child of God! it was "according to the Scriptures" that Jesus Christ lived and died; it was "according to the Scriptures" that He was raised again: all that the Scriptures said He must do or suffer he was able to accomplish, because He knew and obeyed them. All that the Scriptures had promised that the Father should do for Him, the Father did. Oh, give thyself up with an undivided heart to learn in the Scriptures what God says and seeks of thee. Let the Scriptures in which Jesus found every day the food of His life, be thy daily food and meditation. Go to God's Word each day with the joyful and confident expectation, that through the blessed Spirit, who dwells in us, the Word will indeed accomplish its divine purpose in thee. Every word of God is full of a divine life and power. Be assured that when thou dost seek to use the Scriptures as Christ used them, they will do for thee what they did for Him. God has marked out the plan of thy life in His Word; each day thou wilt find some portion of it there. Nothing makes a man more strong and courageous than the assurance that he is just living out the will of God. God Himself, who had thy image portrayed in the Scriptures, will see to it that the Scriptures are fulfilled in thee, if like His Son thou wilt but surrender thyself to this as the highest object of thy life.

BIBLE WOMEN IN INDIA.

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BIBLE SOCIETY FOR 1889.

Five years have now elapsed since the Committee entered upon a special endeavour to accelerate the circulation of Holy Scripture among Eastern females by offering other societies yearly grants towards the cost of employing additional native Christian women, under adequate superintendence, to introduce the Bible to those whom it could not otherwise reach. The new departure is one in which the other great Bible Societies, working in the East, have not yet ventured to follow suit. But the exceptional barriers which exclude most Eastern women from a knowledge of the Bible, from the power to read it, and from the opportunity to obtain it for themselves, seemed to the Committee of 1883-84 sufficient to justify an exceptional plan for surmounting them. And the measure then inaugurated has met with hearty approval from the Society at large whenever it has been explained at public meetings. It has led the managers of other societies to a better realization of the important part which the Bible Society plays in missionary work, and has enhanced their appreciation of its aid. It has called forth the warmest expressions of gratitude from not a few of the noble band of men and women who with unstinted devotion are grappling for Christ's sake with some of the hardest departments of the missionary enterprise.

From the outset it was seen that a large outlay and patient watchfulness would be needful before any considerable measure of success could be registered in these statistical tables of circulation which superficially attest the activity of a Bible Society, but leave the obstacles overcome and the spiritual results attained wholly unexpressed. Besides all those hindrances which beset missionary work among heathen and Mohammedans everywhere, peculiar impediments stand in the way of the diffusion of Holy Scripture among Eastern women. Long-standing custom and deep-rooted prejudice usually forbid them any education. Many cannot be roused to desire self-improvement at the cost of learning to read. Others are too preoccupied by toilsome drudgery to have the necessary leisure. Knowledge and accomplishments are associated in the world they know with female vice. Ignorance and superstition invest Christian books and teachings with some dreaded harmfulness. Mo-