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nature could supply. When, indeed, the character of the Books and Tracts recommended by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge is taken into view, all must allow that a Committee which can detail above 11,000 copies of the Bible and of other religious books dispersed within the last 12 months, may justly expect knowledge to have been proportionably increased;—It must be granted that it prefers a reasonable claim to the hearty cooperation of all who would be humbly instrumental to the turning of many unto Righteousness.

In the same Paragraph, however, which details the blessing which has hitherto attended your Committee's humble exertions, we must advert to the great measure of strictly desirable, and of strictly practicable good which yet remains unperformed. The same acquaintance with the religious wants of the people, which has enabled the acting members of your Committee to discover, and apply a remedy to, some cases of the famine of the bread of life which came before them, has brought to our knowledge greater necessities than we are, at present, able to relieve. That which is desirable, however, and practicable, and yet unperformed, we will, with God's blessing, attempt, and, from the spirit of active benevolence which pervades this community, we doubt not but that an increased number of subscribers, and the increased subscriptions of such members as have been blessed by Providence with the means, will considerably animate and strengthen the Committee. By making more gratuitous grants to poor settlements, and by offering books at prices yet more reduced to members and the public in general, we may be enabled to extend the advantages of religious knowledge yet more widely and effectively. The increased cost of books in our more recent importations, with the cause of it, were detailed by your Committee in their report of last year. This has placed our Bibles and other books somewhat further beyond the reach of the poorer classes of the community, and of those benevolent members who would wish to supply their servants and others gratuitously. Foreign Committees