

I have travelled several times four or five miles into Roman Catholic settlements in order to find a Protestant family there. They were always very glad to see me with Bibles. I would generally find them scarce of books and very anxious to buy some. I see the necessity for thus visiting them in their isolated condition, and I will not shrink from my duty. What I regret most is that I am not able to visit them oftener, because people are now depending on us to get supplied with Bibles, and they generally consider it to be to their interest as well as their duty to buy from us. The promptings of gratitude enforce the dictates of duty.

As I was going to visit three poor Protestant families, in a Roman Catholic settlement, a faithful minister of the Gospel told me he did not wish to discourage me, but that I would sell nothing there. I said I know that, because I was there before, but it is my duty to go, and the Society kindly allows me to give some books to the poor if they are in need. Then he said, if that is so, give to them to the utmost that you are allowed, because they are indeed very poor. Of course I complied with the minister's request. I know that many people who have purchased Bibles or Testaments, or received them as grants, make a good use of them, and that, by the blessing of God, lasting and good impressions are produced upon their minds and hearts. As the result of our Society's circulating the Word of God, many a wanderer from the heavenly fold has been made to taste and see that the Lord is gracious, and to many a home the light of divine truth has been conveyed. To the homes of the poor and the needy, the weak and the helpless, the suffering and the sorrowful, I have brought the good seed of God's Word, and some hitherto desert spots have been made to blossom as the rose. Some persons in these places have not only received the truth with gladness but now commend it to others.

My work is not always smooth, coming in contact, as I do to a certain extent, with all classes, for we have to contend against immorality, intemperance, infidelity, lukewarmness and indifference. But we continue sowing the good seed, believing that it will bring forth in due time, in some thirty, in some sixty, and in some one hundred fold, because the power, purpose and promise of the immutable God are on our side.

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I have given away as grants \$82.57 worth of books and tracts, including three Bibles and three hundred and fifty-five Testaments. Many poor children's hearts have been gladdened by getting a grant of a three-cent Testament to take to Sunday School, as well as to have a Testament of their own to read at home. I am certain that the poor and all who take a lively interest in the eternal welfare of