

to estimate the full extent of the many deadening influences to which those who emigrate are subject, both on leaving their own land and for some time after their arrival in the country of their adoption. The confusion and hurry attending a removal from their ancient settlements; their departure from the means of grace there enjoyed by them; the associations they are very frequently thrown into during their voyage; their anxious condition on their first arrival; the various and often contradictory counsels they receive regarding the most eligible places to settle in; all these things operate so unfavourably on the spiritual life that it not unfrequently happens that persons who appeared to be pious at home, cast off the fear of God when they arrive here, and become even more wicked than those who never made any religious profession. The evil of these things, however, would be less, if the circumstances of the newly-arrived Emigrant were of a nature propitious to religion; but unhappily the very reverse is the case. Already drawing back, perhaps, when he goes to settle in the woods, he meets with nothing there calculated to "strengthen the things that remain, that are ready to die." Among the depths of those vast forests where Settlers plant themselves there are no Bibles, no Ministers, no Sanctuaries, no Sabbath Observances; nothing at all to invigorate or even to preserve alive the spiritual principle in their bosoms. Nor are our remote districts likely to be soon in more favourable circumstances; years must yet pass away before their inhabitants can hope for the enjoyment of those privileges to which they were once accustomed. To persons so circumstanced, the publications of the Tract Society present a vehicle of spiritual instruction at once suited to their necessarily busy habits, & capable of being extensively introduced among them. Those light and flying leaves which we circulate, might find their way where Bibles could not come; their silent preaching might be some substitute for the effusions of the living voice—might keep alive the dying spark of devotion in the heart; might originate a desire to build an edifice to the worship of Jehovah, and so lead to the

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