

Newington Association, that it was truly gratifying to find on their re-cavass, a preparation of mind for the reception of the Bible among the lower classes of the poor. "We were," they observe, "universally received with the greatest cordiality, and with manifest sensibility for the object of our visit. A bricklayer's labourer, (a Roman Catholic) expressed much surprise and thankfulness on being informed that he could have one of our Bibles for three shillings, and immediately commenced his subscription. He had attained the age of thirty, and had never possessed a Bible."

"It will be remembered," say the Committee of the North Lambeth Association, "that in the year 1815, a man, notorious for his evil conduct and selfish disposition, a spendthrift, a bad father, and unkind husband, was persuaded to subscribe for a Bible in one of our districts; but that in a short time, through the blessing of God attending the reading of it, he became a completely altered man; diligent in business, kind to his family, and saving his money for their use; so that his wife declared that she could lay out two shillings for their mutual benefit where before she had only one; to which alteration in moral conduct was added that which could alone afford hope of his continuance in well-doing,—the fear of God, and a desire regularly to attend at a place of worship." A member of our Association, they continue, stated that he knew the man, and reported that he is still going forward in the course on which he so happily set out; that he is constant in his attendance on the services of religion, and is a sober, industrious, and moral character.

If any additional stimulus were required by the friends of the good cause, in the course of which they have entered, it might be found in the late national bereavements, which have touched and distressed the heart of every Briton. The name—the never-to-be-forgotten name—of His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, has been so long and so intimately associated with the Bible cause—and he condescended to identify himself so completely with the meanest subjects of the realm as their brother and their friend in these labours of benevolence, that Southwark could not possibly hold her Anniversary without pouring the tears of regret upon his urn, and adding her humble tribute of gratitude and respect to his memory. Deprived as we are of the benefits of his royal patronage, and sensibly affected by the thought, that we shall see his face and hear his voice no more, we are consoled by the reflection, that he still lives in the bright example he gave us, and will, in this sense, continue to live while the manly and princely virtues he exemplified shall be appreciated in the world which he has left.