

side he cured the blind man ; by the pool where lay the wretched and neglected, he healed the bedridden ; and by the side of Jacob's well he spoke words of life-giving truth.

The aim of this Association is, like Jesus, to reach the ignorant, the poor, the sick, the depraved, just where they can be found. Of the wants to be supplied and difficulties to be overcome, the notices from the Bible-woman's report are a sufficient explanation.

Although it is but one year since the arrival of the Bible woman in Belleville and the active commencement of the work, a much longer period has elapsed since the desire arose in the hearts of many of the Committee that such an agency should be employed, and very wisely preparation was made, funds gathered, and the subject brought forward for discussion ; so that when the time came that an appointment could be made, many rough places were made smooth, the stone was rolled away, and an immediate entrance was found for the simple message borne by the first Bible-woman. Before entering upon her work, a few words must be said of one who was invited from Montreal to act as pioneer, and break up the fallow-ground. The Agent selected did full justice to the nice discrimination of the Society in Montreal, in responding to the request from Belleville ; her labors, which extended over a period of six weeks, were unceasing, and marked by a peculiar tact and ability to lay hold of circumstances as they occurred, and turn them to good account ; characterized by an aptness to teach, and a skilful because a prayerful and loving application of God's Word ; she bore to many the message of a reconciled God, and to not a few sick and dying beds brought with new strength and sweetness the promises and support of God's word. Many of these cheering visits were paid to, and valued by, a class quite above those requiring pecuniary aid, and was a triumphant reply to the oft-expressed doubt of the utility and acceptance of such visits.

Among the general poor her visits were with few exceptions gratefully welcomed, and the way was thus opened for the reception of a resident Bible-woman.

It had long been the earnest wish of Mrs. McCunn, while doing "what she could," amidst the busy occupations of daily life, to give herself wholly to the Lord ; and when, shortly after her arrival in this country, an opening was found in the Biblewoman work, she entered upon it in entire dependence upon God's grace and guidance, feeling well assured that this was a warfare she could not enter upon at her own charges. The work of a Bible-woman in a scattered country town differs in several respects from that prosecuted in the crowded capitals, where the working classes, and especially the very poor, are confined to particular localities,—where a block or two of tall buildings or a few narrow streets teeming with inhabitants, constitute the Biblewoman's