

I feel it more pleasant to go over my field now than I did at first. Sometimes I find it no easy matter to part with earnest christians who have found Jesus to be precious to them since I paid them my first visit. They are so glad to tell me that they are converted now.

Believing, as I do, that the Bible is God's message of love to all men, I labour day after day to bring it within the reach of all, so that many a lonely heart has been cheered through the agency of this Society. We circulate the Scriptures in Gaelic as well as in English. It is pleasing to see how readily and how eagerly some aged people purchase the Scriptures in the Gaelic language.

I rejoice to inform you that a happy spirit of union prevails among the different denominations of Protestants. Never before have such love and harmony been manifested as now, and this feeling of union appears to be growing.

It affords me much pleasure to be able to give you, on the whole, encouraging accounts respecting the progress of our work. The work of the Society is considered as being instrumental in effecting much good, by the general distribution of the Scriptures and books of an evangelical nature, not only at reduced prices, but even where necessary, altogether gratis, and it is my agreeable duty to add that in this Island there are not a few who implore the richest blessings on our Society from Him whose Word we circulate, and which reveals to them and to us the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God.

BIBLE DESTITUTION.

I found four Protestant families without a Bible, and I supplied them. To me it is one of the most pleasing features of our work that the poorest and most degraded of our race are visited as well as the rich. A door has thus been opened most widely and effectually. I found a family without a Bible, and when their mother went in search of money to pay for one of the cheapest, she could not find any; she then handed me the Bible back and said she had no money to pay for it. I told her to keep it. Her face then brightened as she thanked me for it with a look of inexpressible joy. Truly glad was I that the Society enabled me to give it to her.

In many cases, when one of the parents of the family is a Protestant and the other a Roman Catholic, I find them destitute of the Word of God. The Protestant parent especially is generally glad of the opportunity of purchasing a Bible. Once, in the absence of the husband, the wife, who is a Roman Catholic, was desirous of buying a large print Testament for her husband, because she heard him say that he would buy one the next chance he would get, but she said she was very sorry she had no money to pay for it. I granted her one and the little book "Come to Jesus," for which she appeared very thankful.

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