

St. George's Church, and the cottage lectures, aid the Bible-Women much in their efforts; the occasional visits of the clergyman with the Bible women, to the houses of the poor, attempted once a week afford ground for hope, that a gradual improvement will be discernible in the condition and character of the lower classes.

There is some fear that funds will be wanting for carrying out this mission; and those who take a special interest in its success, are earnestly entreated to use their efforts, by prayer and other means, to provide for its demands.

The persons occupying this department are peculiarly suited for their position.

The following extract from last year's Report, will indicate the principle upon which the mission is conducted;—

More than a year ago, finding, that notwithstanding all the efforts of Ministers, District Visitors, and City Missionaries, there was still much spiritual destitution among our poor, we resolved, in God's strength, to seek for a suitable "Bible Woman," convinced that this was the "Missing Link," which must be supplied, before our work could be made really efficient.

We followed the rule laid down by those who have laboured so successfully in England; "Pray for the right agent, and look for her on the spot." Our prayer has been answered, and we have now two earnest faithful Bible Women, whose loving hearts and deep piety, well qualify them for their arduous work. The first, Eliza Ransom, commenced her labours in the St. Antoine suburbs, May 21st, 1861. At first she devoted five hours a day, three days in the week, to visiting; not finding that sufficient, she now gives a fourth day in the week, receiving 2s 6d. per day. She visits all the poor in her district, who are willing to receive her, without regard to denomination. The following are the rules laid down by the Superintendent:—

1st. The Bible Woman shall ascertain in every family, whether they are supplied with the Scriptures; taking with her specimen Bibles, which may be purchased by instalments.

2nd. The Bible Woman, shall if possible, *read* the Scriptures in every house; applying what she reads to the various wants of those whom she visits.

3rd. The Bible Woman shall not give temporal relief, but report cases to her Superintendent, by means of a daily journal.

The Superintendent meets all needing work, or requiring assistance of any kind, who wish to see her at the school-room in Bonaventure