

earnest in seizing all the many opportunities of good which He gives us. In thus looking back and forward as to all the relations of life in which we stand, let us not fail to ask the question : " What have I done as a member of the Bible Society ? Have I merely subscribed ! Was that done cheerfully or grudgingly ? Or have I been really interested in the dissemination of God's Word all over the world, and especially in my own neighbourhood ?

Our Dominion, and especially our own Province, is enjoying great prosperity in temporal things, and, what is still better, God has vouchsafed very marked special showers of blessing in several places. Are we truly thankful ? Are we shewing our thanks in our lives as well as with our lips ? Do we remember that God has caused His face to shine upon us not only because He delights in blessing us, but " that His way may be known upon earth ? " We have abundance of bread in our land ; but let us remember that " Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word which proceedeth out of the mouth of God." When there is famine in any part of the world, how readily it calls forth the sympathy of all feeling hearts ; yet there are multitudes starving for the Word of God, not only in foreign lands but at our own doors. It is true they are not crying out for it, because, alas, they do not know their need. We can do much as individuals to see whether our neighbours possess the precious book, and where we find they do not, to awaken a desire to have it. Many ministers adopt the plan of not carrying their own pocket Bibles with them when visiting, so that they can ask for one. This enables them to discover who have got them, and, alas, they find more than some would think without one, and where possessed, too often it is in some out of the way place because seldom used, and even sometimes, like Saul " among the stuff." When he was brought out he was seen to be head and shoulders higher than the people around him. If we can get our fellow-sinners to bring their Bibles out and use them, how immeasurably will they find them above all other books. It is certain that we can do much to influence them in this, and in no way can we more directly help them towards having happy years in this world and a happy eternity hereafter.

" Within this awful volume lies  
The mystery of mysteries ;  
*Happiest* they of human race,  
To whom their God has given grace  
To read, to fear, to hope, to pray,  
To lift the latch, to force the way ;  
But better had they ne'er been born,  
Who read to doubt, or read to scorn."

#### BIBLE STUDY.

We magnify Scriptural instructions. Israel did not live forty years on the passover supper, but had manna from heaven daily. Nor do Christian workers live on the lessons of truth that first gave them Christian hope. If they are not learning, going deeper into the Scriptures and into themselves, they become languid, or mechanical, or spasmodic, or quarrelsome, or useless.  
—*Christian Weekly.*