

where reminded of the liberality of the S. P. C. K. Our yearly subscription of a half-guinea to this Church of England Bible Society is one of the most cheerfully paid contributions from our slender means to the cause of God.

The S. P. C. K. is no niggard in its distributions. The humblest classes in the mother country partake of its bounty. It not only sends valuable gifts of books to the clergy in all the colonies, but in many cases furnishes parochial libraries when the parties immediately interested pay half the cost of the books. From Mungo Park to Dr. Livingston, many a celebrated traveller has solaced himself and instructed his savage companions by its publications, gratuitously supplied.

To sum up: It is the oldest Society for the gratuitous distribution and cheap supply of the Bible. It is the oldest Prayer-Book Society. It is the oldest Society for the supply of Religious Books and Tracts. It is the oldest Church Education Society. It is the first Society for Missions in connection with the Church.

Now, as heavy responsibilities devolve upon us by the action of the Free School system, and as we are bound in the sight of God to provide as far as in us lies for the religious instruction of the people, we cannot as Christians now shut our eyes to our duty, or say with Cain—"Am I my brother's keeper?" And if we believe the principle of the English Church to be the nearest the truth, and the best for the people—(for unless we believe this we are keeping up a needless schism)—let us, as honest, earnest men do our best for the spread of those principles in preference to all others. And in what more generally acceptable form can we find those principles than as they are embodied in the publications of the S. P. C. K.

We subjoin a letter from the Manager of the Depository in Halifax. On his shelves a good assortment of these excellent books is always to be found and a more general demand (with prompt payment) would soon increase his stock. Would it not be well, if our clergy and laity as a rule became members of the Foreign District Committee of the S. P. C. K. (as *their* Bible Society) by the annual payment of at least half a guinea? Thus they would secure to themselves a donation of ten per cent on the price of all books, &c. And again,—if the funds of the D. C. S. will warrant the employment of colporteurs, it would surely be well to engage at least one or two earnest men for the work. But if this cannot be done,—as the Halifax Depository is too remote from many of our parishes, let the Rural Deaneries or other associations of country clergy solicit from the Parent Society the privilege enjoyed in England in similar cases, of forming Local Committees, taking up local subscriptions for the Society, and having Depositories of its publications in the towns and larger villages throughout the Province.

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