

so steady who used to be so troublesome, and that her husband, who had suffered so long from the injuries he received last autumn from falling into the river, had got work again, and was greatly changed; there was no difficulty now in getting him to church, he went of his own accord.

She found a young Swedish woman, lately arrived here, with twin infants and one other child, such remarkably fine children. The Bible Woman could not make herself understood, but the woman seemed pleased at her noticing her children, and when she knelt down to pray for her, she knelt down beside her, and wept while she prayed; and when she rose to go, she took hold of her hand with both of hers, and said "soon again." She went to see her again, and gave her a Swedish tract, which she seemed delighted to receive.

She visits another Swedish woman who can speak English, so she can read to her, and she is always glad to have her pray with her, and she marks the chapter she reads to her, so as to find it afterwards in her own Bible.

A woman who used seldom to be seen sober took the pledge nearly a year ago, and has stood firm ever since, though she has a very unhappy life with her husband, who persecutes her because she is a Roman Catholic; but she is glad now to have the Bible Woman read and pray with her. Four sons in one family have taken the pledge. The father and these four sons work at the foundry, where some of them get 4s. a day, and they might be very comfortable if they were sober; but the whole family, except one son, drank more or less, but now that the sons are going to give it up, the mother says she will too. One of these men promised the Bible Woman to come to the Thursday evening meetings when he could; but he takes care of the horses at the foundry, and has to be there after hours, so he cannot often get away; his poor wife is so rejoiced to see the change in him, for he never showed any signs of reformation before, and used often to ill-treat her. The Bible Woman told her to be very kind to him, and to give him plenty of strong tea and coffee; there is nothing like kindness to help people to do better.

The Bible Woman's chief source of discouragement, as we all know, is intemperance; and with this difficulty to contend with continually, it requires a brave spirit and great faith on her part to persevere in her work, in spite of this greatest of all discouragements. Yet even in this, she occasionally meets with something to cheer and encourage her. Many are struggling hard against this enslaving vice, and trying to free themselves from it, but we all know what a power it has over its victims; and as long as spirits are so cheap and public-houses abound as they do in this place, the work of reformation will not be so easily accomplished. Indeed the whole country cries out for help in this matter; the prisons are filled with those whose crimes may be traced to this demoralizing vice, and but for it, might never have been there; and most of the poverty and misery of the lower classes are owing to the same cause, as many a broken hearted wife and mother can testify. Could not something be done to put a limit to the number of public-houses, if they must have them, or impose heavier taxes on what causes so much misery? If our legislators could but be aroused to the importance of this matter, and stirred up to act in it, we feel sure that all who know any anything of the poor would agree with us in saying that there is no way by which they could confer a more material benefit on the country, than by doing all in their power to put down this "monster evil." Temperance coffee-houses have been found a successful antidote to public-houses in England