

He gave another to a man who had none in his house. Calling a year after he found it had been read through twice and that as a result a good work was begun in his heart.

PERIODICALS.

This department includes:—1, The Religious Magazines, such as the "Sunday at Home," "Sunday Magazine," "Christian Treasury," "Family Treasury," etc.; 2, Cheap papers for families and Sabbath Schools, many of them beautifully illustrated, as the Cottager and Artisan, the British Workman, the British Workwoman, the British Messenger, the Child's Companion, the Children's Friend, the Band of Hope, the Child's Paper, and many others, all of great excellence; 3, Periodicals and Lesson Papers containing notes, questions and other useful matter on the International Series of S. School Lessons, as helps for teachers and children in the S. Schools. Their circulation is increasing from year to year.

This is a very important department of our work. Christian writers of the best talents, both in Great Britain and the United States, are engaged in the preparation of these publications. The reading matter and the illustrations are most admirable. Their cheapness places them within the reach of all. A large amount of the best and most instructive reading is thus widely disseminated at a remarkably cheap rate. Since the formation of the Society, at least two and a half millions of these Periodicals have been circulated. The thanks of the Society are due to the many friends who have done so much in promoting the circulation of these publications from year to year. Their continued aid is respectfully solicited. There is abundant room also for a large increase of effort on the part of others. There are many villages and neighborhoods where subscribers could be obtained by persevering effort on the part of those desirous of doing good. Whoever helps to place these excellent publications in the homes of their neighbors will have the satisfaction of at the same time doing positive good and counteracting evil. "The quantity of pernicious literature issuing from the press and spreading its poison through the land is appalling. The best way to keep down and kill the bad seed, is to occupy the ground with good."

The following extract from a letter from one who has undertaken to procure subscribers shows a spirit of earnest perseverance in well-doing, worthy of imitation: