

miserable creatures on God's footstool. The beggar clothed in rags is a prince to him. Young men who dream that it would be a fine thing to have riches showered upon them, know not what they desire. If you have no object in view—are not engaged in any steady pursuit or employment—we know you must be miserable. When we look back upon the past, our heart is filled with unutterable gratitude, to know that we were born in poverty, and had to jostle our way in the world. It has been life and joy to us. To be happy you must aim at something—no matter what—if a worthy object, you will derive daily pleasure from its pursuit. It is not the abundance we possess, it is only the right use we make of it, that contributes to our happiness in life. Any steady, honorable pursuit will employ the mind and make it contented.—*Extract.*

BIBLES, AND BIBLE READING.

No. I.

HAVE we bibles? is one question: what is the use of bibles? is another question: are we using our bibles according to their value? is a third question: can we, or shall we increase our relish for bible reading? is a fourth question. A glance at each of them is worthy of the best man, with the best mind, with his best thoughts, in the best possible manner, before the best community.

Comparatively speaking, bibles, counting the number issued from the press, are not scarce. Millions of copies are printed and distributed annually. America, and the principal portions of Europe, together with the colonies, have their Bible Societies, which, in their operations, have printed and given the sacred Book to the world upon a scale as extensive and liberal as any of the benevolent enterprises devised, prosecuted, and achieved by the most distinguished benevolence of the age.

A copy of the New Testament, or the two Testaments together, may be obtained for a few pence; and in every case where a reader can be found who has nothing to give, the precious Book is bestowed without money and without price. The question, therefore, in brief, may be answered for the whole community, that we have bibles, or at least we may have them immediately.

And concerning the use of bibles, the question has only one answer from all who buy, sell, give, or receive them. From the overflowing charity of a system that saves all mankind, to the narrow-souled love that relishes only the pre-ordained elect, we have but one voice in respect to the use of the divine scriptures. True, if we should reason the ques-