

Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society.

LADIES' BIBLE ASSOCIATION.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIBLE-WOMEN.

1. Your first and principal work is to ascertain who are without the Holy Scriptures, and willing to purchase at a cheap rate. You will be supplied with copies of Bibles and Testaments to offer for sale ; and you may, if necessary, receive payment in instalments. In the case of poor persons or families, copies may be supplied at a reduced rate, or on loan, or by gift, but such cases must be regularly reported to your Superintendent.

2. It is also your duty to read the Scriptures and hold religious converse and prayer with families and individuals, and to give such aid as may be required by your Superintendent in Mothers' Meetings, or other work connected with the Mission, and for the spiritual and material benefit of the poor. In all the work of the Mission everything of a denominational nature is to be avoided, and no charitable aids or donations are to be given except by your Superintendent, or under her direction.

3. You are to keep within the limits of the districts assigned to you, and to visit, as far as practicable, every family within these limits, and more especially those who are careless in regard to attendance on public worship ; and it is desirable that you should live in or near your district.

4. You should keep a journal, in which you will enter true statements of your daily work, and on or before the 15th of each month you will enter in a form, furnished to you with these rules, the facts relating to the work of the month, with any remarks upon them you may think useful.

5. You will meet with your Superintendent weekly, at the time and place agreed on, to report all your proceedings and to receive instructions.

6. You will devote four hours per day to the actual work of the Mission, Saturdays excepted. You will receive an order from your Superintendent monthly for the amount of your salary, which will be paid by the General Agent of the Bible Society at the Bible House.

March 20th, 1889.

MONTHLY REPORT

OF

M *G. Boyell*

BIBLE WOMAN,

Hospital District,

for the month ending *June 16th* 18*90*

Montreal Ladies' Bible Association.

Meeting

I have had some earnest listeners
this month, & have watched "the
seed" take root & bring forth
fruit in the heart of a young
girl - a romanist. She was very
sick when I first saw her & I
spoke a few words of sympathy,
she asked me to read the bible
to her, & gladly did so, read a por-
tion of John 14. She said "I
wish I had more faith" I re-
plied "little faith is better than
no faith & Jesus will give you
more if you ask Him. Pray
to her & frequently after that, being
careful to have her consent
I did this because we are not
allowed by hospital rules to
proselytise. One day I said, you
are too sick today to read to
me, as read to me was her
reply. Another day I left the ward
without reading to her & the next
day I was there she said, "you
did not read to me the last day
you were here," I explained that
I had intended doing so but that
a lady came in to visit her be-
fore I got to her bed. I prayed
with her a few times & one

nervous
right &
today

day after reading I said, we don't
read to the virgin because the
bible does not tell us to do so
but we respect & love her, I
felt constrained to say this, &
she seemed to drink in every
thing I said. The day she was ex-
pected to die I stood beside her
about an hour, she told me
mistress (Mrs. Sobots on the deacon's
wife) had been with her the
night before until 11 o'clock
& had read about "the staff," so
I repeated "The Lord is my Shepherd"
she said "I thank you for read-
ing the bible to me, we don't
have any bibles in our church."
She prayed little sentence pray-
ers to God & to Jesus, asking
Jesus to come for her soon
not a word did she say about
the virgin or the saints. Her
sister had been called from
the country & had sent for a
priest, & when he came to
give her "the last rites" I with-
drew thinking as I went, that
performance would hurt her
as she is trusting so sweetly in
Jesus. I was told that her
sister said, "if that woman
over

came again. She started speaking to Maggie & I took all the Bibles were at the bottom of the river. I saw the dying girl once more while the Bible was absent from her side & spoke a word of comfort. The patients awoke, all noticed the dying girl & happily state & after her death one of them said to his sister & I would not mind what was said to us since she died so happily.

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District,

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Please excuse my writing on this side. I did not think I needed so much paper when I began.

H. B.