

ledge of that Gospel which the Saviour himself preached to the Poor!—This is a fearful tale to tell of a Christian Land. But we entreat those who hear it, to reflect for one moment, upon the amount of ignorant and unhappy *individuals* which must be found among those families. Can any woman think without sorrow of the number of *Females* and especially of those just entering upon life? Beings whose ideas of morality scarcely extend beyond convenience—whose Religion consists in the Hymn with which they mechanically beguile their daily work, or occasionally a prayer addressed to Him whom they may with truth be said “*ignorantly* to worship!” Does she look upon this as an exaggerated picture? We unhappily *know* its fidelity—In the course of our duty we converse with, and interrogate those to whom we distribute the Bible and some of us have been Teachers in a *country Sabbath School*. It is *then* and *there* that the darkness which is spread over the minds of the Poor generally, may be found visible. Wherever the Bible has been wanting, there we have found ignorance and pride or an insensibility the most pitiable. Will she then still refuse us her tribute? If so we can only say (and we do it in the true spirit of sisterly kindness)—“you often wonder (perhaps are shocked) that in the Hut of poverty sin in its most appalling shapes and ignorance of “the exceeding sinfulness” of sin is also found—Beware lest that humble dwelling should be made the test of your *sincere* desire to extend the Kingdom of your Redeemer—Beware how you neglect the opportunity which is afforded you of giving to its inmates the only effectual remedy—for it is a fearful thought that you may be responsible to the living God for the soul of a fellow creature whom your timely aid might have snatched from ruin.” If this consideration cannot touch the heart—we have none other to offer, and it is in vain to entreat for the means of *assisting as we could wish* in the benevolent work which these Gentlemen desire at once to accomplish and which the Presidents & Managers of our own Society have so long had at heart.

There remains one point on which it is equally our wish and our duty to be explicit. We learn from several sources that it is considered by some a matter of delicacy to attempt joining the Society unless particularly requested to do so. We grieve that after so many attempts to induce the Ladies of the County to join us we should still be considered an *exclusive* Society, and we can scarcely think that such a reason could be *SERIOUSLY* assigned—from year, to year, we have in vain through the public prints, and private invitations, urged them to honor us by attending our Annual Meetings and listening to our reports.—In vain through the same channels, have we appealed to *all* who had the means and inclination to aid us.—No doubt there are many to whom the managers have not personally applied—but those Ladies who have never felt what

it is to be repulsed by an air of indifference or impatience when the Agent is pleading for a cause she holds sacred, can scarcely imagine the effort it requires (and the effort is perhaps in exact proportion to the serious feeling of the applicant) thus to importune for a tribute to so noble a charity when it is easy to see the charity itself is deemed a folly. We earnestly desire however, to have it distinctly understood (and therefore we entreat the Members to say) that any and every Female by the payment of One Dollar annually becomes a Member of the Society and is *thankfully* and *cordially* welcomed—That from those who decline giving so much we as *thankfully* receive the *smallest donation*—and, that there may be no future difficulty in the way of those who desire to join us, we attach a list of the Officers, and Managers, of the Society—each of whom is authorized to receive Names, Subscriptions or Donations.

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