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## COLPORTEURS' REPORTS.

## CAPE BRETON.

General Summary of Colportage in the Island of Cape Breton with Extracts from Colporteurs' Reports.

During the year 1889, three men were employed, whose united services equalled that of one man for 21 months. They travelled 5,376 miles. They sold books and Bibles to the value of \$1,524.13. They granted \$149.14; 107 public meetings were held. There were found two families who were destitute of all religious books except the Bible. Of families who had no Bible six were found. To the homes of Roman Catholics 158 visits were paid. Of nominal Protestants who habitually neglect evangelical preaching, 37 families were found. In 1,518 families there was personal conversation on matters of religion, or prayer was offered. The whole number of family visits paid was 5,760.

## REPORT OF MR. ARCHIE MCPHAIL.

During the year I worked for the Society 11 months and 19 days, travelled 2,797 miles; sold \$843.63 worth of books; made grants to the amount of \$86.86; visited 2,646 families; spoke on personal religion or prayed with 716 families; conducted 92 public meetings; visited 18 families of Roman Catholics and 15 Protestant families who habitually neglect the house of God; found four Protestant families without a Bible.

## COLPORTAGE WORK.

My field of labour comprises the four Counties of Inverness Richmond, Antigonish and Guysboro', and throughout these counties I have endeavoured to visit the remotest parts, but in such an extensive field I find it impossible to visit every family in one year.

In several districts I found great need of religious books, especially in Wine Harbor and Indian Harbor, which places had been neglected for the past two years. I have this year travelled all that shore to Canso, and found that the people had a great desire for