

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

### General Summary of Colportage in the Province of New Brunswick, including extracts from Colporteurs' Reports.

During the year 1887 ten men were employed, whose united services equalled that of one man for 55 months. They travelled 11,686 miles. They sold books and Bibles in value, \$4,679.06. They granted \$356.94 worth; 170 public meetings were held. There were found 159 families who were destitute of all religious books, except the Bible. Of families who had no Bible, there were found 69. To the homes of Roman Catholics, 474 visits were paid. Of nominal Protestants who habitually neglect evangelical preaching, 99 families were found. In 3,785 families, there was personal conversation on matters of religion, or prayer was offered. The whole number of family visits paid was 16,493.

J. DUNCAN writes:—

#### FIGURES.

During the year I have wrought for the Society 10 months and 5 days; I travelled 2,241 miles; sold \$972.81 worth of books; made grants to the amount of \$68.53; addressed 52 public meetings; found 55 Protestant families destitute of all religious books, except the Bible, and 5 Protestant families without the Bible; I visited 77 Roman Catholic families, and found 5 Protestant families who absent themselves from the house of God; I conversed with many on personal religion, and made in all 3,123 visits.

#### THE FIELD.

My field comprises the counties of Westmorland and Albert, and is well supplied with churches and ministers, except in a few outlying districts. Sunday Schools are established in most settlements, also Prayer Meetings, in many cases well attended. Still there is much ignorance, carelessness, and even vice. There are many difficulties to contend with. In many districts there is no taste for reading of any kind; people are to be found living in good houses, with almost no books, periodicals, or even a newspaper. I meet with men who can read and yet don't read; one man told me that he never read a newspaper, and knew more than those who did. Others tell me that there are far too many books circulated nowadays, and even go the length of trying to prevent the children from having Sunday School books. Again, many have no taste for pure, elevating

literature, and no books they

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