

Families of Roman Catholics visited	919,846
Protestant Families habitually neglecting Evangelical	
Preaching.....	1,568,495
Families conversed with on personal religion or prayed	
with.....	6,258,070
Family Visits.....	11,495,780

These bare figures, stupendous though they be, furnish but the faintest possible conception of the amount of good accomplished. By one visit, sometimes a whole family has been led to the House of God, and eventually to Heaven. Think of Colportage through this single Society, accomplishing *eleven million* Family Visits. How many souls have been often converted by a single book, like the *Anxious Enquirer*, or a single Tract like the "*Sinner's Friend*." What shall we say of more than *thirteen millions* of such volumes, averaging two volumes for every family in the United States, and Tracts without number. Out of a single meeting held for Prayer or Conference has sprung a revival, and blessings untold have been brought to many communities. But try to realize the results of 400,000 such meetings. I tried to picture one solitary Colporteur going through his painstaking, laborious work of moral excavation in one locality for a single year. Now multiply that *five thousand times*, for Colportage in the United States alone has performed 5000 years of such Evangelistic effort. Surely we may, from this time ask again—"What has God wrought." Yet, that is but one of many lands in which Colportage work is carried on.

COLPORTAGE IN THE OLD WORLD.

In 1853, twelve years after the inception of the work in his native land, the heroic Cook visited Scotland, where a Tract Society was at its last gasp, and let new blood into it, by the infusion of this Colportage element. You remember the visit to us of the Secretary of that Society, the Rev. William Gillies, who had come out to express the gratitude and congratulations of his native land at the American Jubilee last summer, and who described the remarkable impetus thereby given to the "*Religious Tract and Book Society of Scotland*." For the first two years but three Colporteurs were appointed, then they increased at the rate of 11 or 12 a year, till now they number 231, and the sales of Evangelical works the previous year amounted to \$200,000. The movement spread to Ireland in 1859, the year following the great revival—the memorable Year of Grace, which gave origin and currency to this and many other good works. Now the Bible and Colportage Society of Ireland, employs a large and efficient band. In England Colportage also is beginning to find a foothold, and Mr. Spurgeon alone employs over forty, and says of it: "We know of no way of doing good so cheap, so necessary, so useful as Colportage. It is one of the best and cheapest modes of Evangelization yet discovered." An expression of opinion akin to that of the

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