

The fact that the agency has its headquarters in Nova Scotia is one which ought not to make it less a cause of rejoicing to us that it is doing so good a work, or make it less an object of delight to us to aid them in doing it."

HOSPITALITY TO COLPORTEURS.

It may not be out of place to say a word about hospitality to our colporteurs, as this report may fall into the hands of some one who may be called upon by one of our agents. The want of hospitality, on the part of our people, has necessitated the expenditure of large sums of money by the Society. During 1888 alone, the meals and lodgings of our colporteurs, and the keeping of their horses has cost us \$1,274.39. It is needless to remind our people that to be hospitable is a Christian duty. The Lord Jesus Christ if he came to your door would surely be invited in, and the best you could procure placed before Him, and if His disciples were with Him at your house you would treat them most kindly. Our colporteurs are His disciples. None need expect to see Christ's holy feet standing at their door, and yet all of Christ in the flesh that they will ever see here and now are faithful servants of His, whom He is not ashamed to call His brethren. What is done to them is done to Him. If they are shabbily treated it is because Christ is slighted and His work despised. If they must pay for every meal and be charged for the use of a bed, it is because it is forgotten that Christ and His cause are identical. Let there then for Christ's sake, be a holy charity and a blessed hospitality, in the kindly reception and entertainment of our colporteurs, and the Lord's eye will mark even a cup of cold water given to a disciple in the name of a disciple. The cost of what should have been freely given, cuts off from the poor the money which would pay for grants and services to a larger extent. For if the Society had not to pay for the entertainment of their agents, they would have so much the more to expend on Colportage work.

GRANTS FROM THE DEPOSITORY.

There have been circulated in response to 167 applications from the Depository, Bibles, Testaments, good books and tracts in value \$1,029.18 without charge, in addition to the sum of \$1,302.40 distributed gratuitously by our colporteurs, making a total free distribution of \$2,331.58.

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