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In closing I must gratefully acknowledge the invaluable advice and co-operation of the Committee and Secretary, and hope that I shall have during the ensuing year, your earnest prayers for my success."

MALCOLM McLEOD's report from Victoria and Cape Breton Counties, Island of Cape Breton:—

The following is a condensed statement of my work as a Colporteur during the year ending 31st Dec., 1882: As shown by the closing summary, I worked 11 months 15 days; travelled 1997 miles; received for sales \$712.73; gave away good books and tracts to the amount of \$53.85; addressed 133 public meetings; found 20 Protestant families destitute of all religious books except the Bible; nine Protestant families without a Bible; visited 102 Roman Catholic families; 37 Protestant families who habitually neglect the house of God; conversed on personal religion, or prayed, with 713 families; and made in all 1542 visits.

During the year visited the greater part of the two Counties of Victoria and Cape Breton, and some sections several times. I found it very hard to travel during the most of the winter, owing to the frequency of snow-storms and the bad roads. But I kept toiling on, taking advantage of the ice on the harbors and channels when the roads were not passable. But, even then, I could not visit as many houses as I would like, consequently my sales were low, especially during the months of February, April and May. But in summer I had a better chance,—the days being long and the roads good. I visited Cape North, St. Ann's, Baddeck, Middle River, Little Narrows, Cape Dauphin and Boulardarie Island, in Victoria County; and Sydney Mines, Leitch's Creek, Sydney and vicinity, Glace Bay, Cow Bay and Mira, in Cape Breton County, and Malagawatch, in Inverness County. This territory is settled principally by Gaelic speaking people, who are nearly all Presbyterians.

#### RELIGIOUS PRIVILEGES.

The people enjoy a good share of evangelical preaching, only one congregation being vacant—that of Leitch's Creek. But some of the congregations are too extensive for one minister; in these the Colporteur's labours are especially appreciated. Prayer meetings are held in all the congregations, but not as many as should be; the reason, I believe, is the want of competent men to take the lead, without which a prayer meeting would soon die out. Sabbath schools are kept in all the mines, towns and villages; but in the country the people do not fully realize the importance of training the young on the Lord's day. While many sections have Sabbath schools, there are too many without them. But as I see of late an advance in this di-