

hasty glance at the report he was struck with the reports from the colporteurs, and with the great work they were accomplishing. He had been closely identified with colportage in the Province of Quebec, and knew its great value.

The report was unanimously adopted.

Rev. Dr. Burns moved that: "The thanks of this meeting are tendered to all who have aided the Society in its work, and in view of the fact that many families in these provinces are still destitute of the Word of God—200 having been found in that condition in 1885, and 2,233 since the origin of the Society—the continuance of their liberality is earnestly solicited."

In connection with the resolution Dr. Burns spoke of his long connexion with the Society. He thought the year had been a good one and that the work was going on satisfactorily. The good being done should encourage the subscribers to the Society's funds. During the year there had been an extreme tightness in money—money was very scarce—but he hoped there would be no retrenchment as far as giving to the Society was concerned. He referred to the good work done by the colporteurs, and closed by a touching reference to some who had passed away.

The resolution was seconded by Rev. Mr. Avery, who announced that it was a pleasure to him to second any motion conveying thanks to those who were carrying on the good work done by the Society. He mentioned the long time he had been working in the Society, and concluded by wishing all those connected with the association God speed.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion of Rev. A. Simpson, seconded by D. Blackwood, Esq., the officers for the ensuing year were elected.

At the request of the chairman Mr. ROLAND MELLISH, who had labored as a colporteur in Newfoundland, addressed the meeting. He spoke of the prevalence of vice in Newfoundland in spite of the isolation of the people. A source of enormous mischief was the habit of having girls and women to proceed in vessels to engage in the Labrador fishery. Many a woman was ruined; many a home was blighted through this odious practice. He spoke of the good that had been done in the island, and the great need for more work.

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