

MR. JOHN I. SUTCLIFFE'S REPORT.

Although the benevolent public of the Maritime Provinces accord a liberal support to the Book and Tract Society in its efforts to supply the destitute with pure reading matter, yet the existing need at home is so great that the door open for work among the 200,000 on the barren coasts of Labrador and Newfoundland, had to be largely disregarded. The reports of the destitution of very many on these shores becoming more frequent and distinct, they could no longer be ignored; and it was felt that an effort must be made to supply these people with some at least of the privileges common in all Christian countries. It was accordingly resolved to employ five men; and as the work was to be done in a British Colony separate from Canada, I found myself at the beginning of the year in Great Britain, commissioned by the Society to solicit help from British friends for this mission.

I met with a very kind reception; and many, in spite of the numerous and increasing petitions which they receive from all parts of the world, managed not only to find room for this one *then*, but undertook to continue their aid from year to year. Among leading Christian men who after an examination of our claim granted the use of their names, I may mention Earl of Aberdeen, Lord Kinnaird, Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, Rev. George Everard, Dr. Oswald Dykes, Rev. Mark Guy Pearse, Dr. Dale, Dr. Marcus Dods. At Glasgow and Edinburgh I was privileged to speak of our needs to the Sabbath congregations of some of the principal churches. I expected the same privilege in some London churches, but returned before I had time to do much there. The General Assemblies of the Scottish churches also gave our work a hearing. If space permitted I would give instances of kindness and welcome accorded me by societies and individuals. Their names and faces arise in my mind but I must refrain.

On my return to Canada I called on our friends in Eastern Nova Scotia and Cape Breton. I then visited New Brunswick, taking in some Nova Scotia towns on the way; and near the close of October took passage for Newfoundland, where I met with proverbial hospitality and kindness.

After nearly seven years experience of the Society's work I am more than ever convinced that any one with time or money to expend in benefiting the people of our sparsely settled districts, need look no further for an object in which to invest. I have now at the close of the year's labor a vivid remembrance of interest and sympathy manifested by the people of the Maritime Provinces towards a Society that has for its object the propagation of eternal truth.

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