

Marie, he sold 319 copies. In July he was much hindered by swamps, heavy rain, and the scattered state of the settlers, and yet he succeeded in selling 117 copies and giving six; but he closes his report for this month by saying "I am very much crippled in my legs and feet, so much so that I shall not be able to travel for some time; but I trust I shall be all right again after a little rest." In September and October he was sent to a number of the Agricultural Shows and met with his usual success. He attended those of Toronto, Guelph, Tilsonburg, Drumbo, Brantford, Stratford, and Park Hill. At all these places he received the hearty sympathy and valuable co-operation of the officers of the Branches. In reference to Park Hill he reports: "I never saw the people take so much interest in the different languages as at this Fair. I am very sure it would have done the Committee good to have seen the deep interest which the people took in our work at the Bible stand. I gave away a good number of our handbills with a short history of our Society and its work. Many thanks to the President for his kindness." At the end of November Mr. Taylor was again obliged to desist from work for some weeks, and he is at the present time also resting; but the Directors trust that he will in the coming summer be able again to do valuable work for the Society in Algoma.

Mr. Jackson has been doing good and faithful work; but there is nothing striking in his reports, though he has in several places met with sad examples of how the Church of Rome does all she can to withhold the Holy Scriptures from her people. He has been labouring in the townships of Greenock, Bruce, and Saugeen in the county of Bruce; and in Dummer, Asphodel, Belmont, Percy, Seymour and Cramahe in the counties of Peterborough and Northumberland. He received very cordial sympathy and help from the Officers and Committee of the Peterborough Branch. He reports that the month of January was the most severe and least successful he has ever experienced. At the close of February he requested the Board to allow him to cease work for some months, partly on account of ill-health and partly to attend to some private affairs.

Mr. Currie was first employed in the month of May and was sent to the back townships of the county of Hastings, where he laboured for several months. He was afterwards removed to the county of Bruce, where it was thought his familiarity with Gaelic would be particularly useful. He is a good and earnest man, and the Directors had hopes that he would make an excellent colporteur, especially suited for some districts. But he did not like being kept so much away from home as the service of the Society requires; and as he also wished to be able to sell other good books as well as Bibles, he asked to be allowed to give up the work at the end of November.

Messrs. Pyke and Aston only began work in February, and in that month experienced such severe weather and some other difficulties that they felt somewhat disheartened. But having since done better, they feel encouraged, and the Directors hope that both will prove good colporteurs.

Mr. Patterson was appointed on the recommendation of the Committee at Winnipeg, and began work on the 21st of May. He laboured steadily until the end of August in different parts of Manitoba and went as far west as Medicine Hat. He was again employed for a few days in October to attend the Exhibition at Portage la Prairie. In his report of this he says. "This exhibition was not a very successful undertaking either for the Bible Society or for others interested in it, but the exhibit by the Society of scriptures in six languages and in raised letters for the blind appeared to awaken considerable interest and was well noticed by the press." His regular work was very successful, and he sold nearly a thousand copies in three months. The published report of the Winnipeg Branch speaks of him in very appreciative terms, and expresses the earnest hope that his services may be secured for future years.

Extracts from the Colporteurs' Reports will be found on page 28.