

## COLPORTEURS' REPORTS.

### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

General Summary of Colportage in the Province of Prince Edward Island, including extracts from Colporteurs' Reports.

During the year 1886, two men were employed, whose united service equalled that of one man for nearly two years. They travelled 5770 miles. They sold books and Bibles to value \$1890.92. They granted \$134.29 worth; 6 public meetings were held. There were found, 11 families who were destitute of all religious books, except the Bible. Of families who had no Bible, there were found 12. To the homes of Roman Catholics, 181 visits were paid. Of nominal Protestants who habitually neglect evangelical preaching, 181 families were found. In 2864 families there was personal conversation on matters of religion, or prayer was offered. The whole number of family visits paid was 5943.

DAVID WALKER writes:—

I worked in the Society's service for 11 months and 19 days; travelled 4336 miles; sold \$835.85 worth of books; made grants to the amount of \$71.07; addressed or took part in three public meetings; found nine families destitute of all religious books except the Bible, and seven Protestant families without the Bible; I visited 99 families of Roman Catholics, and found 165 Protestant families who habitually neglect the house of God; spoke on personal religion or prayed with 1434 families; and made in all 3195 family visits; and received during the year \$113.67 as donations from 288 donors. Total receipts \$949.52.

At the beginning of this year, owing to the small-pox spreading consternation over this Island, Colportage was carried on under great danger and difficulty, but God preserved me in my constant journeyings, so that I have gone out and returned unharmed amidst the dangers to which a life of travel is necessarily exposed. For the same reason the pecuniary resources of this and other kindred Societies suffered to a considerable extent, not from any diminution