

be made consider fully deserving the confidence and patronage of the Churches.

That this Convention would further recommend the introduction of the never practicable, of the cheap Publications of the American Tract Society and of the American Sunday School Union which are eminently calculated to awaken a Missionary spirit and to encourage individual exertion, on the part of private members of the Churches, for the conversion of souls and to aid both teachers and parents in facilitating their operations in the department of Sunday School labour.

COLPORTAGE.

Our Committee beg leave to call special attention to the system of Colportage now so successfully employed in Europe and in the United States and the adaptation of which to our condition in these Provinces has been well tested already by the Colporteur of the New Brunswick Associations, who, in a late report of his labours, reviews his mission for fifteen months, in which time he visited 125 settlements, distributed 5032 pages of Tracts, sold 3128 volumes, besides maps, cards, and plates for Sabbath Schools: he obtained 172 subscribers to religious periodicals, addressed 60 meetings, attended 28 prayer meetings, preached 19 Conference meetings, visited 59 Catholic families, and conversed with 202 families, conversed with 408, and visited in all 131 families.

The vast influence to be exerted by this system may be easily inferred from the character of the labour thus bestowed, a great part of it is upon families quite removed from the reach of ministers and more ordinary means of Grace.

The fact that this agency is specially adapted to meet and benefit the Catholic from whom the Bible is withheld, we conceive is a strong commendation of it to the employment of the Convention.

Our Committee regard it as a great auxiliary to Education, not only by laying the means broadly before all classes from whom a taste for reading may result but by introducing, at a greatly reduced price, in connection with religious books, all such as are ordinarily used in schools thus placing them within reach of those who otherwise would feel compelled to dispense with them.

We recommend the adoption of the earliest practicable method of extending service of this kind for the three Provinces and would beg to commend to the gratuitous hospitality of the friends of religion any Colporteur who may be properly commissioned for this work, and also to the Churches and Pastors that they should aid him, when among them, by sales, and by collections that he may thus be furnished with the means for further gratuitous distribution of tracts, religious books and the precious Word of God among the destitute.

C. R. BILL.

Chairman.

On the Report being read, highly interesting addresses relative to the importance of Colportage and Religious Periodicals, were delivered by the Rev. E. D. Very, Rev. S. Robinson, Rev. J. Francis, Rev. J. Winterbotham, Rev. J. Chase, Rev. E. W. Pray, Hon. J. Johnston, and Rev. L. E. Bill.