

GENERAL SUMMARY OF COLPORTAGE.

During the year 1887, 28 men were employed, whose united service equalled that of one man for 14 years. They travelled 37,352 miles. They sold books and Bibles in value \$13,710.51. They granted \$1,289.60 worth; 864 public meetings were held. There were found 692 families who were destitute of all religious books except the Bible. Of families who had no Bible there were found 277. Of nominal Protestants who habitually neglect Evangelical preaching, 614 families were found. In 14,263 families there was personal conversation on matters of religion or prayer was offered. The whole number of family visits made was 44,781.

STATISTICS FOR TWENTY YEARS.

To give, as far as mere figures can convey, an idea of the effectiveness of this grand work, we append the following statistics of the Society's operations for the past twenty years:—

Within that time there have been 159 Colporteurs employed whose services equal those of one man for 222 years. They travelled 404,480 miles and made 606,955 visits to families, including 27,360 visits to Roman Catholics. There were found 2,646 families without the Bible, and 5,125 were found destitute of all religious books except the Bible. In every case those families were supplied with Bibles or religious books. In 232,144 of the families visited they had personal religious conversation, reading of the Scriptures, or prayer, and held or took part in 12,819 religious services. During the twenty years of the Society's work there have been put in circulation through Colporteurs, books, Bibles and tracts to the value of \$237,087.06. Of this amount \$17,056.83 worth were distributed free of charge. Besides this there have been \$228,396.25 worth put in circulation direct from the depository, making a grand total of \$455,483.31.

5,000 JUBILEE TESTAMENTS.

The British and Foreign Bible Society having published an Edition of the New Testament in English, at one penny, it was agreed to distribute in the Maritime Provinces and Labrador, 5,000 copies.

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