

School instruction, that there are many householders where there is little or no saving literature, and where families, parents and children, are living in ignorance and neglect of the Gospel.

There are also most cheering evidences in those reports that the Bibles, Books and Tracts distributed, and the earnest prayerful words spoken are owned and blessed by the spirit of God. We have in the work of the year additional proof that the truth in the printed page is an instrumentality chosen and ordained of God for the salvation of men. We can not tell the happy results that may, by the Divine blessing, follow the reading of a single book or tract in a family or community. The influences often extend far and wide and from generation to generation.

STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

Eighteen Colporteurs have been employed during the whole or part of the year, viz.: Eleven in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton; one in Prince Edward Island; three in New Brunswick, and three in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The aggregate time of their labour is equal to that of one man for eleven years, six months and one day. Sales of Bibles and religious books, \$10,793.26, and gratuitous distribution \$625.30. They held or took part in 333 prayer meetings, and had personal religious conversation, reading the Scriptures or prayer with 11,409 families. Total number of family visits reported, 29,163.

SUMMARY VIEW OF COLPORTAGE FOR ELEVEN YEARS.

No. of Colporteurs in Society's Service.....	80
Time employed.....	1293 months, 20 days
No. of miles travelled.....	173312
Cash received for sales	\$106748.08
Value of Grants of Bibles, Books and Tracts.	7692.89
No. of Prayer Meetings addressed	6482
No. of families destitute of all religious books except the Bible.....	1996
No. of Protestant families destitute of the Bible.	1142
No. of families of Roman Catholics visited	13191
No. of families conversed with on personal religion or prayed with	112213
Total No. of families visited.	268,339