4.—COLPORTAGE.

The work of the distribution of the Scriptures through Colporteurs has been steadily carried on. Six Colporteurs have been employed by the Society, two English and four French who speak English. Four Colporteurs have been enabled to continue work the whole year, and the other two about seven months each. They have travelled in the following districts, or parts thereof, assigned them:—Missisquoi, Nicolet, Prescott, Huntingdon, Drummond, Bagot, Arthabaska, Beauharnois, Richmond, South Leeds, Brockville and Argenteuil.

They have made the large number of 26,591 visits to families. Further particulars of their work will appear in a tabulated statement on Colportage in the printed Annual Report.

5.—MONTREAL LADIES' BIBLE ASSOCIATION.

The seven Bible Women through whom the work of the Ladies' Association is carried on have paid 10,069 visits during the past year. These visits have been made day by day from house to house in the poorer districts of the city, among those who are often in sore need of Christian sympathy and kindly counsel.

Many of the poor, if deprived of the Bible Woman's help, would never hear the message of God's love revealed in His Word.

The work done is quiet and unobtrusive, but who can tell what great results God in His Providence may bring forth from that faithful sowing of the Word. The constant shifting of population, inevitable in great cities, though discouraging to the workers, who must often feel that they are writing their words upon the sand, spreads the truth over larger areas than they themselves can possibly reach, and the harvest, though unseen by them, is sure. The Bible Women need our prayers and sympathy. They are doing the work of Christ Himself when on earth, preaching "the gospel to the poor," going about "doing good," and often their labours meet with as little appreciation as did His.

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