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"In Scotland there is a similar Society, which was started about twelve years ago, and which, under the grace of God, has so grown that they have now more than a hundred and fifty agents who go all over Scotland, scattering thus the truth as it is in Jesus. Our friends here have got the ambition into their heads of having a Society in England as big as that in Scotland. I know they have. They keep that idea rather quiet but I know they have it somewhere. I only wish they may get it. I will not say I am half afraid whether they will. However, prayer and faith can work wonders, and if they can find friends all over the country, as the Scotch Society has done, who will support the agents, why, there is no reason why, without burdening us at home, the work should not go on *ad infinitum*.

"It seems to be just the right sort of thing to take up. There are many of our earnest brethren who might not do for preachers, who might perhaps be scarcely adapted for even wandering about as preachers, but who are just the right sort of men to sell a book, to pray with the sick, to comfort the desponding, to guide the anxious, and to lead sinners to the cross of Christ. We do not look for brethren of great oratorical talents, who would make ministers; of course they would naturally get into the ministry. We want to employ another class of men, men who are quick with a ready answer, who have a love to souls, and who are not ashamed to look a man in the face and tell him the way of salvation. I should sometimes like to see the Colporteur going from house to house with his forty pound pack of books, selling as many as he can, and whenever he cannot sell, offering a tract, and if wished offering prayer."

COLPORTAGE IN SCOTLAND.

The necessity for such an agency became evident in 1855-56, from the discovery made by the agents of the Edinburgh City Mission of the extensive and alarming diffusion among the poorer classes of injurious publications, some of which were openly vile and others infidel. About ten thousand of these periodicals were sold weekly in Edinburgh, reaching, as it was estimated, nearly as many as the whole number of church-goers in the Scotch Metropolis. It was also found that this demoralising literature was widely circulated in Glasgow and other large towns, as well as in the rural districts, and that these publications formed the staple of the reading of the great majority of their readers, and were chiefly read on the Sabbath; while in the country multitudes even of Church-going people had fallen into an almost total neglect of reading.