

MEETING

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no pastor for 14 or 15 years. In Kent County with a population of 30,000 there is no book store. The Colporteur's work in such places is invaluable. Most blessed results may be expected during the 31,600 visits made by the Colporteurs of this Society during 1882, in each of which some effort was made to interest the people in saving truth.

The work of this Society is especially valuable to the Sunday Schools which in the county sections, are in so many cases destitute of books and papers. These have good books, sound in doctrine, durable in binding and low in price brought to them by the Colporteurs. How often even the little tracts are made a blessing to those who receive them from the hands of the Colporteurs. They contain glad news for the sick and dying—telling them of Jesus, the Saviour. Although these publications do not treat of controversy, they tell of life and salvation. Our peculiar views of truth may be very precious to us; but those doctrines upon which we agree are of supreme importance. How important to labor on the common platform when we can thereby the better shed abroad the knowledge of the Cross of Christ.

He spoke of the great good sure to result from tract distribution among the sailors in Halifax, where Mr. Grierson had scattered more than 35,000 during the past year, as he visited more than 2,000 different vessels and 25,000 men, as well as in all the numerous ports supplied by the Society with these silent messengers.

He congratulated the Society upon having undertaken work among the lumbermen of New Brunswick, who are entirely cut off from religious privileges for several months of the year. Instances of an encouraging nature, showing the value of such effort, were narrated.

The report was most encouraging, showing as it does increased income from sales, increased donations, increased number of donors, and what was still more important, an increased number of Colporteurs in the field. Our thanks should be returned to God for all His care, and to the officers of the Society for their diligence. He considered the Society worthy of warm, generous, Christian support, and closed with the assurance that work done in the name of Jesus will not lose its reward.