

are far distant from Book Stores, and have no means of getting books except as they are carried to them. These facts show the great importance and the absolute necessity for the work in which our Society is engaged, specially in the department of Colportage.

We now present a brief view, so far as it can be given in figures, of what the Society has been doing to meet the wants of this field. During the year, owing to the general depression in pecuniary matters, we were obliged to limit the number of Colporteurs. Instead of twenty-six as in the preceding year, only seventeen were employed, viz: eight in Nova Scotia, three in Cape Breton, two in New Brunswick, two in Prince Edward Island, one in Newfoundland, and one in Labrador.

The aggregate of their services is equal to the time of one man for a period of eleven years two months and twenty-six days. They distributed Bibles and Religious Books by sale to the amount of \$9913.11, and gratuitously \$815.24. They found 159 families destitute of any Religious Books except the Bible, and 35 families destitute of the Scriptures.

They addressed 798 Prayer and other Religious Meetings, many of them in neighborhoods where there were no stated means of grace. They conversed on personal religion, read the Scriptures or prayed with 12,047 families, and made in all 29,106 Christian family visits.

During the last eight years sixty-four Colporteurs have been employed, the aggregate of whose services is equal to the time of one man for a period of eighty-three years, seven months and sixteen days.

They travelled 142,316 miles,—a distance nearly equal to six times the circumference of the globe.

Their sales of Religious Books and Bibles amounted to \$82,971.95, and their gratuitous distribution of Bibles, Books and Tracts, to \$5978.78.

They found 1787 families destitute of any religious books except the Bible:—1042 Protestant families destitute of the Scriptures, and 1866 neglecting the preaching of the Gospel. They made 12086 visits to Roman Catholic families. They addressed 5425 Prayer and other religious meetings. They had conversation on personal religion, reading the Scriptures or prayer in 872,49 of the visits made by them. They made in all 203,500 family visits.

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