

COLPORTEUR'S REPORTS.

Our Colporteur, Mr. John Finlayson, who takes delight in his work, and gives his whole soul to it, has labored in the following counties during the year, namely: Lennox and Addington, Hastings, Northumberland, and Prince Edward.

His monthly Reports show that he has both physical and moral difficulties and hardships to try his faith and patience; but he thanks God, who sustains him under his trials, and he has the sweet consciousness, that he is trying, to the best of his ability, to perform the work intrusted to him for his Master's glory, and the good of the souls of men; some of whom might never receive a copy of the word of God, if it were not put into their hands by the hard-working, self-denying Colporteur.

At times he is encouraged by such encomiums as the following: "Heard of two men who said they could sit up all night to hear him speak of the things of the Spirit, and wished him to return."

He avails himself of opportunities as they occur in his travels to visit Sabbath Schools, and says,—“I seek always to leave some foot-prints as I pass along among the young.”

He says that “the family altar is rarely met with, and grieves for the coldness, worldliness, and formality of the Church. The Holy Spirit's influence is greatly needed to revive it.”

Scepticism sometimes openly confronts him. One man said “the Bible was no better than any other book.” Another said that “Christ was not the Son of God, and that there was nothing to certify His being with God before the world was, and His creating the world. He replied, quoting the declaration of St. John, “The word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory,” &c., and when done, appealed to him as a man of sound mind, if that was not sufficient to prove that He (Jesus) was the Son of God, and that by Him the world was created. The man was silenced. The Colporteur feelingly adds:—“This is a sample of the many heathens with whom I come in contact *all over the field of labor, all the year round.*”

TABULAR VIEW OF THE COLPORTEUR'S OPERATIONS
DURING THE YEAR.

Months of Labor.	Sold.	Given away.	Families visited.	Miles travelled.
12	Bibles, 533	Bibles, 5	3,879	1,600
	Tests., 934	Tests., 41		
	1,467	46		