

has put in circulation by sale \$1000 worth of religious books and Bibles, and distributed gratuitously to destitute families or persons, about \$100 worth of tracts and books; held or taken part in 30 religious services; conversed on personal religion or prayed with 900 families or persons, and in all has made about 3000 family visits, or allowing each family to represent five persons it will be seen he has reached 15,000 persons.

All this work is performed by the colporteur at an annual cost to the public of about \$300,—the balance of his salary being met by profits on sales. Colportage is not only economical and efficient (for in no other way can so much good work be done at so small a cost) but there is a growing need of the work. Although the more destitute portions of the Maritime Provinces have to some extent been supplied with healthy reading matter through the agency of this Society, there remains much yet to be done. How can the evil effects of pernicious publications that are having an ever widening circulation throughout our land be more successfully counteracted and ultimately stamped out, than by distributing among old and young (but especially among the young, for in the youth of our homes is the hope of the future) literature whose teaching will mould character, whose influence for good will be felt while time lasts? No better evidence of the moral and spiritual good of this Society's publications could be given than the growing readiness on the part of the people of every christian community to assist in promoting their circulation. One of the most pleasing features in connection with the work of collecting, is the manner in which the people have responded, whenever the Society's claims were presented.

In Newfoundland, although business was very much depressed, owing to the partial failure of the fisheries, the friends of the Society contributed to its funds with their characteristic liberality, so that the total amount collected there was but little short of former years. In Nova Scotia and P. E. Island the people evidenced their hearty approval of the Society's work by word and act, as well as by giving increased contributions. It is my intention during the present year to visit New Brunswick and Cape Breton, which have heretofore been visited by Mr. Sutcliffe.

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