

During the past year we have had employed twelve men : seven in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton ; one in Prince Edward Island ; two in New Brunswick, and two in Newfoundland. Some of these were employed for only a part of the year. The aggregate time made is equal to the labour of one man for about six years. The sales amount to \$5942.44. This shews an average of \$990.40 per year.

SUMMARY OF COLPORTAGE.

On another page will be found a summary which shews that during the fourteen years in which the Society has existed, there has been performed labour equal to that of one man for about 130 years.

An aggregate of \$127,903.82 worth of books has been sold. A total of \$9,167.73 worth has been given away.

Protestant families to the number of 1320 have been found destitute of the Bible and 2303 households destitute of all religious books except the Bible. Those in want were in all instances supplied. We may add that in the item of bad debts there has been practically distributed \$600.00 worth of books for which the Society was never paid ; but it is hoped that the books thus circulated will do none the less good on that account. It is proof of prudent management that so small a sum has to be written off out of the many thousands of dollars' worth turned over.

RESULTS.

He alone who sees the end from the beginning, can mark the secret power of the words spoken in love to the wayward and erring one, or the divine light infused into the darkened mind and heart through the precious printed page. Christians have been edified and sinners converted, the sorrowing comforted and directed to the only source of true consolation ; the sick and dying have been cheered by the messages of love and pardon brought home to them, and "to the poor the Gospel has been preached." It is easy to reckon the tens of thousands of books circulated during the year, and the dollars expended ; but we rejoice that the influences of the work are immeasurable, running parallel with eternity. The choice publications placed in the homes of our people have done much to counteract the influence of pernicious literature and in many cases have forestalled such mental food. It is

R. T. Society's New Half-Price Books, Excellent Value.