

COLPORTAGE.

During the year the three Colporteurs who have been in the employment of the Society for a considerable time, have been pursuing their useful labours. Their monthly reports are interesting and encouraging. We subjoin an abstract of the result of their labours.

	Months.	Issues.	Gratuitous.	Families visited.
Mr. Large.....	12	1686	41	3160
Mr. Strain.....	12	1748	35	3014
Mr. Dunn.....	9	710	29	1759

Mr. Strain has laboured chiefly in the Counties of Grey and Wellington. Mr. Dunn has principally laboured in the Counties of Lambton and Huron.

Mr. Large has laboured for eight months in the Counties of Ontario and Durham. During the remainder of the time he was employed in collecting the subscriptions in the City, and in visiting the Lunatic Asylum, Queen Street and Queen's Park, the General Hospital, House of Industry, the Police Stations, the Railway Stations and the Boy's Home, supplying these Institutions with 134 Copies of the Scripture.

The Directors have not thought it expedient to employ additional Colporteurs. But they have assisted in the support of one who is employed in a very interesting field in connexion with the Williams' Branch. A large proportion of the population in the field referred to consists of Roman Catholics from the Western Islands of Scotland. The Colporteur employed, Mr. Finlayson, appears to be a man well qualified for his work. He has visited a large number of Roman Catholics, and has disseminated a number of Copies of the inspired Volume, which, we trust, may produce important spiritual results. Mr. Finlayson avails himself of opportunities of conversing with the people, and his Reports mention some interesting and encouraging incidents.

In another field, beyond our own bounds, the Directors have felt it a duty and privilege to extend aid for the support of a Colporteur; we refer to the Lumbermen engaged on the Ottawa. Many of these are French Canadians, and as a Class they have been too much neglected in regard to spiritual privileges. Spending the winter in the deep recesses of the forest, and the greater part of the summer in conveying their timber in rafts to Quebec, it is to be feared that they have but few to care for their souls. The Directors have granted to the Ottawa Society the sum of \$400, for the support of a Colporteur. It is to be hoped that a suitable labourer may be soon found for this most interesting field.

VISIT OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

In reviewing the events of the past year, the Directors have pleasure in referring to the visit to these provinces of the Prince of Wales, as representative of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. The Directors had the honor of presenting an address to His Royal Highness during his stay at Government House in this City. To this address a suitable reply was returned by the Prince.

The address and reply are subjoined: