

in all 3,466 copies, value \$700, an increase over last year's sales. Of these, 225 Testaments were given to the volunteers on their starting as they intended for the North West, and 50 Bibles were given to the Y. M. C. A. for distribution at the military brigade camp at Fredericton. Included in the above figures are 354 Bibles and 74 Testaments sold in our own City by a

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whom your committee considered it advisable to employ, and having found one who had already had some experience in such work, they engaged her at a fair weekly payment to devote her time to this work from the 1st May to the winter season. Carrying with her samples of such Bibles and Testaments as would be most needed, and which she could dispose of on depository terms, she had also discretionary power to give a Testament where it was really needed, but this power was used only twice in all her visits. She found only four families destitute of any scripture, and only four families who would confess to belong to no church or denomination, although in some other cases the information was so vague and indefinite as to imply a doubt. She found the people generally willing to buy, even if they could only pay by instalments, and in this way she often had to repeat a visit in order to receive the balance of her sale. Whenever she found a family willing to listen or converse, she would read a portion of Scripture and converse upon it, and perhaps pray with them, and she never lost an opportunity for speaking a word of comfort to the sick or the sorrowing. In very many of the better class of houses she would see only the domestics, to many of whom she sold a Testament. In many of the humbler tenements she found a welcome and a desire for a repetition of the visit, and where such was the case she found it more profitable to spend more time. Her visiting season lasted from May 11th until