

coast of Labrador a portion of the stock of our colporteur was destroyed by a storm, as related by him. But there is no part of the work more needed, and no part which addresses itself so deeply to the christian sympathies of our friends and contributors, and we trust the consideration of the facts submitted in the colporteurs' statements appended, will call forth continued and increased support.

BIBLE CIRCULATION.

We urge our colporteurs to honour God's word. The writings of men are of great value, but the Word of God stands alone, grand high and precious, a divinely inspired history of redemption, and a revelation of the will and purpose of the Eternal. We desire to have every home supplied with at least one copy. We desire if possible, that old and young, all who can read, shall have their own copy, and read, mark, learn and inwardly digest its teachings. Our Lord says "Search the Scriptures," which implies our duty to see that the people have an open bible wherein to search. To those who are unable to buy and are willing to accept, we give a copy, but our colporteurs use a wise discretion in their charity, and only a limited number of volumes is thus required. As reported, 56 families were found without a bible and their destitution supplied. Our whole importation for the year was : Bibles, 4450 ; Testaments, 2884.

GENERAL SUMMARY OF COLPORTAGE.

During the year 1891, 19 men were employed whose united service equalled that of one man for eleven years. They travelled 25377 miles ; they sold books and bibles in value \$10398.43 ; they granted \$987.51 worth, and 641 public meetings were held. There were found 142 families who were destitute of all religious books except the bible. Of families who had no bibles and whose want was supplied, there were found 56. Nominal Protestant families visited who habitually neglect evangelical preaching, 224. In 11,368 families there was conversation on matters of religion or prayer was offered. The whole number of family visits made was 34,636. Our statistics do not distinguish between families revisited and those called upon for the first time.

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The following statement of interest. Number of work equal to that of 535,000 miles, and of tracts. 3151 families were supplied with bibles of charge.

During 1890 we received \$53,000 and with the sums received from this source

The receipts from colporteurs' sales, other sources, \$163,700 a total of \$24,334.82

On the other hand for colportage, \$531,000 per Treasurer's report and leaving a balance

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We are grateful for the aid and support that all donors will supply and be pleased

Mr. John I. Sutcliffe, in connection with the appointment to under-stand that all donors will be expected that our Distinguished previous years, to do our contributors in their continued aid with the Maritime