

ESTIMATE FOR 1887.

Basing the estimate of the cost of work upon the expense of the past it is found that at least \$300 of free donations are required for each year of Colporteur work, and it is hoped that in the year 1887, labour equal to that of one man for about 14 years may be performed. It must be understood that in consequence of seeking out remote corners and sparsely settled districts, the sales of our Colporteurs can not be as large as if they devoted their attention to the wealthier and more easily accessible parts of their field. But it is the poor and scattered part which needs the work most, and no system of home mission work can be devised more effective to bring the Gospel to every man's door than this. Christ's kingdom alone is the object of the Colporteur's labour. He has no denominational ends to serve, no end but to carry out the order of the Great Master, "Preach the Gospel to every creature."

TRAVELLING AGENT.

Mr. Roland Mellish continues to represent the Society, and we trust that he will be able to see, not only those friends of the Society he called upon last year, but also a large number of those waited upon by Mr. John I. Sutcliffe, who has engaged in evangelical work in another connection. Mr. Mellish has been employed in the work of the Society for a number of years, and by his zeal and efficiency has well earned the esteem and confidence of the Committee. We respectfully ask for him the kind assistance and co-operation of the friends of the Society. His work is arduous—do what you can to strengthen his hands and encourage his heart.

COLLECTIONS

Were made by the following Colporteurs in sections of the fields:—Messrs. Walker and Secord, in Prince Edward's Island; Mr. John Wade, in Kings County, N. B.; and Mr. Malcolm McLeod, in Cape Breton; Mr. A. McPhail made collections during a trip to Boston, principally from natives of Cape Breton now resident there. These brethren all rendered valuable service. Our thanks are due to the staff of collectors who waited upon friends in Pictou, and the continuance of their service is respectfully requested.

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