

some instances to give an adequate idea of the extent of their hospitality. May the Lord reward them abundantly.

MR. J. DUNCAN writes :—

General summary of Colportage in the Counties of Westmorland, Albert and Kent, Province of New Brunswick, from the 6th of September to the 31st of December, 1886 :—

I entered the service of the B. A. Book and Tract Society on the sixth day of September last with many misgivings, but with a determination to do my duty to the best of my ability, whether I should succeed or not. This purpose I have kept steadily in view, and faithfully carried out. The result of my work as far as it can be tabulated is as follows. Miles travelled, 1026; cash received for sales, \$406.17; grants, including discounts to ministers, Sabbath schools, &c., \$24.47. I have addressed or taken part in 14 public meetings; attended a number of prayer-meetings; found 33 Protestant families destitute of all religious books except the Bible. I found no Protestant family that would admit they had no Bible, but in one case it could not be found, others had only a portion of it. There are families in all the above counties professing themselves Protestant who habitually absent themselves from the House of God. The reasons given for this sinful neglect are various such as strife among the members of their own church; inconsistencies of church members and adherents; intolerance of the different bodies of christians toward each other; nothing new ever taught from the pulpit; the old truths seldom presented in a new or attractive manner. Some educated persons complain that in many churches the style of language used is so different from that of every day life, or that used in other kinds of address that they cannot listen to it. They say their time is more profitably employed in reading the newspapers, where they also get a sermon they can understand. The larger number, however, confess that the habit has arisen from carelessness, or indolence or worldliness, and acknowledge its sinfulness. With one and all I endeavoured to deal faithfully, and I trust the earnest conversations I had with them may result in good. I am glad to say that in no case did I have the misfortune to give offence, and even those who defended their conduct most vehemently treated me with kindness, and invited me to call again.

GRANTS.

I have given away a large number of tracts and small books. Tracts are eagerly sought after and read. The small books given to children are often the means of effecting sales of larger ones, but my grants consent chiefly in reductions on Bibles and New Testaments to