

COLPORTAGE.

Twenty-six Colporteurs were employed during the whole or part of the year, viz: 15 in Nova Scotia, 3 in Cape Breton, 4 in New Brunswick, 2 in Prince Edward Island, and 2 in Newfoundland.

The following is a summary view of their labors, so far as they can be given in mere figures.

The aggregate time employed is equal to that of one man for 15 years, 2 months, and 26 days. They travelled 24,547 miles, and made 35,221 family visits. They found 46 Protestant families destitute of the Bible. They held personal religious conversation, reading the Scriptures, or prayer, in 14,288 of the visits made by them; and took part in or conducted 715 Prayer Meetings. Their sales of Religious Publications amount to \$15,732.93, and their gratuitous distribution to \$1,087.37.

Last year's effort was the first made in Newfoundland, and the result has been highly encouraging. They visited a number of the Harbors, and found the fishermen and their families eager for good books. The Committee hope to be able to send at least two laborers there early in the summer, one of whom they expect to spend part of the season in Labrador.

New Brunswick presents a wide and inviting field to this Society. The people manifest a great desire for its Publications wherever the Colporteurs go. The Committee have decided to send several of those now employed in Nova Scotia for three months each into that Province, during the year, and hope that ere long the men and the means can be obtained for a good number of permanent laborers there.

The two who were engaged in Prince Edward Island closed their work in the latter part of the season.

SUMMARY VIEW OF COLPORTAGE FOR SIX YEARS BY THE SOCIETY.

Time employed	58 yrs. 1 mo. 13 d.
Miles travelled	103,179
Cash received from Sales	\$57,590.51
Value of Grants.....	3,956
No of Public Meetings...	3,948.45
Families destitute of Religious Books...	1,272
“ “ Bible	897
“ of Roman Catholics	7,639
“ neglecting Public Worship	1,725
“ conversed or prayed with	61,133
Whole number of Families visited	136,011

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