

left behind. I visited many places where they do not hear a sermon for nearly a year at a time."

We are apt to judge very lightly of the power of a good book because good books are so abundant amongst us, and also because they are only one of many beneficent influences bearing upon us. But take a household cut off from the world during the long dark months of an almost Arctic winter. How limited is the circle of ideas, how narrowed the vision! Into this home comes a good book. It is spelled over and a few gleams of its meaning reaches the understanding. There is a conviction that the whole sweetness of the fruit has not been extracted. It is read and re-read. The emotions are quickened under the vitalizing power of Divine truth. An appetite is created which did not exist before. The cravings of an immortal soul are satisfied with that well of water which springs up by the gift of Jesus. The one book conned over may lead to the full study and knowledge of eternal redemption as revealed in the Word of God. And so the trip of a colporteur in a field like Labrador, may be far more enduring in its consequences than we would be inclined to suppose possible, were we to judge from his usefulness in a land of churches and christian nurture. One colporteur on the coast of Newfoundland writes: "When we consider that there are hundreds of families about our coves and bays who very seldom get a nice book to read, and remember that there are three months in the summer when the men are away to the fisheries, when there are no Sabbath or week-night services, we can well understand how much is in the wish often expressed, that they had a nice book to read on Sunday." Such are a few of the facts which conclusively prove the value of colporteurs, and which stimulate your committee to carry it on to the full extent of their ability.

"Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,
Thou Fount of life, Thou Light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts
We turn unfilled to Thee again."

LABRADOR AND NEWFOUNDLAND.

The work done by our colporteurs in these fields is perhaps of a more missionary character than that in the more favoured fields of the other provinces. It is also work which is relatively more expensive, there being smaller sales and larger outlay for expenses. On the