

REPORTS OF AGENTS.

NEWTON CENTRE, MASS., Dec. 4th, 1855.

It is with pleasure that I transmit to you such facts in connection with my labors as a colporteur, under your joint patronage, as may interest the friends of the cause. I shall endeavor, merely in a brief outline, to give such facts and incidents as shall serve to show how my time was employed during the eight weeks in which I was engaged in your service. And, if it shall appear that I have accomplished little, I must beg of you to remember that the union of the two different kinds of labor in one person rendered the work peculiarly difficult, especially to an inexperienced colporteur like myself. Cases often occurred in which the interests of the one department must be in a measure sacrificed to those of the other, and no little judgment was required in order to decide in which my time could be most profitably spent. It is not likely that my decisions were always correct, yet I hope that some good has been accomplished both in the Tract and in the Sunday School cause. Moreover, I am satisfied that the union of the two Societies in colportage effort is both wise and economical, notwithstanding the disadvantage already mentioned.

But to my work. I left Montreal, July 10th, for St. Andrews, where I was kindly welcomed by Mr. Orr, Local Agent of the Union, and by him introduced to several of the Pastors and Superintendents of the Village. This neighborhood is pretty well supplied with Sunday Schools. Two at Lachute, four at St. Andrews, and one on the River Rouge—the latter three times a month, preaching taking its place the other Sabbath. On Sunday I visited the schools in the village, and made a short address to each. They are, in the main, well-conducted schools. There is still, however, room for improvement. * * * *

A good Sabbath School is conducted by Rev. Mr. King at Dalesville, and there were two others in the Township. In addition to these, one near the residence of Samuel Cushing, Esq., which had been given up, was re-established and supplied with a library. Unfortunately, no suitable person could be found for Superintendent; but the school was left in charge of excellent and competent female teachers. Another school was also established, and fully organized in another portion of the Township,—the heads of families uniting in the work with apparent earnestness and vigor.

August 4th.—Moved on to Grenville, where I received much valuable information with regard to persons and localities, from the Rev. Mr. Forest. The Township is almost a moral desert. Religion and education seem never to have taken up their abode there. There are of course honorable exceptions to this remark. But in the whole Township, on my arrival, there was neither day school nor Sunday School; and, though some deference was paid to the Sabbath and the outward forms of religion, there seemed to be little of the true