

books, however valuable, are often all cold and dead. Their words do not go home to the heart with the power of those which come from the warm, earnest, loving heart of the living preacher, who himself deeply feels and is influenced by the truth which he speaks. This society wisely combines the two. And the preachers it employs are qualified for this work. Some of God's servants have gifts which fit them for speaking in large assemblies. Others have not, but they have gifts which the former often lack—gifts which fit them admirably for dealing with souls in private, in families, or in small meetings; and in this way they can be unspeakably useful. This Society gives such persons a channel through which they can exercise their gifts for the glory of God and the good of men.

Another reason for which I consider this work "worthy of the confidence and support of all churches"—one for which I particularly love it—is that it helps to break down those wretched barriers which so sinfully divide the Church of Christ, His body on earth. This is one of the chief reasons for which I love the Young Men's Christian Associations. In them we meet not as Wesleyans, Baptists, Presbyterians or Episcopalians, but simply as Christians; and thus, seeing Christ's image in each other, we forget our denominational differences in our more vital oneness, and become welded together in spirit and in work. So is it with this Society. I envy these Colporteurs the manner in which they are commissioned. They go forth to their blessed work representing, not any one sect, but the Church of Christ as a whole. The resolution also urges that by the success already vouchsafed to the efforts of the Society, the Providence of God calls for the extension of the work. On this point I shall only give my testimony to what I know has been done by the instrumentality of one of the Colporteurs, who has been laboring in the northern part of Cape Breton. I believe he has been made extensively useful in individual cases, by private conversation and otherwise, in leading persons to anxiety and conversion. And I believe he was principally the means of several small revivals, principally among young men, which took place in different congregations there.

In conclusion, allow me to apologise for St. Matthew's congregation. There are comparatively few of us here to-night, but at least one reason is that our Sabbath School Teachers and senior scholars are at a most delightful meeting of their own, from which

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