

ness in connection with our own society, that the work is adapted to do good, that it is of the utmost necessity and importance in carrying on successfully the work of Home Evangelization, that its beneficent influences are all pervading and far-reaching.

Divine truth is thus widely disseminated among the masses. Scriptural knowledge is diffused, pernicious error is dissipated. The interests of religion are promoted in families, in Sabbath schools, in churches, among all ages and classes of the community.

Colportage, as conducted by our own society, has been owned and blessed by the Great Head of the Church. The efforts of the colporteurs and the books and tracts they distribute, have in many instances been instrumental in leading souls to Christ. These known instances of good accomplished, we feel assured, are examples of the grace of God in saving and benefitting spiritually, many others not known to us, by the instrumentality of this work. Thus God has prospered and set His seal of approval upon our humble efforts. To His name be all the glory.

We respectfully submit that it is the duty and privilege of christians to support this work. It is one mode, and in this age an essential and most important mode of preaching the gospel. If it is the duty of the church to uphold and sustain the preaching of the gospel, then it is a duty to uphold and sustain this as one of the recognized instrumentalities of preaching the gospel.

Nineteen colporteurs have been in the service of the Society during the whole or part of the year, viz; eleven in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton; one in Prince Edward Island; four in New Brunswick and Newfoundland. The aggregate time of their labor is equal to that of one man for eight years, five months and twenty days; sales of bibles and religious books \$8044.27 and gratuitous distribution \$557.90. They held or took part in 298 prayer meetings, and had personal religious conversation, reading the scriptures or prayer with 8382 families. Total number of family visits 22,770.