

to keep it as a precious treasure in her possession. Her last words were 'May the Lord bless you,' at the same time holding fast my hand in hers. I had frequent opportunities of directing the minds of the sick to Jesus, and spoke of the way of salvation by Jesus Christ, also of the necessity of repentance and faith. The issue I leave with Him who alone can make the seed scattered fruitful, and cause the light of life to shine unto their souls, so that joy and gladness may be their portion."

Lightness of crops and frequency of destructive fires much reduced their means, and hindered the Colporteur's sales, as appears from such remarks as the following:—"Money is very scarce, and so interferes with my sales very much. The district of country through which I have travelled during this month was severely visited with very destructive fires, such as in many instances burned up grain, fences, and houses, causing the greatest devastation in that part of the country. The season being most remarkably dry, caused the crops to be very light and the prospects very gloomy."

With regard to the young, he says:—"I occasionally addressed Sabbath School children on the subject of early piety. The Superintendents and Sabbath School teachers invited me to favor them with a visit, and if I could give them notice beforehand they would insure a large attendance of parents and children." Again he says:—"Owing to the excitement caused by fires I did not succeed in holding so many prayer meetings as I could have desired. The few we held were well attended. I addressed the young and those who felt interested in their welfare." The old expressed gratitude that the Society favored them with the opportunity of purchasing Bibles with large print, enabling them to peruse the Scriptures, which might otherwise have been a dead letter to them.

He found family worship neglected by many church members, and remonstrated with them upon the serious loss sustained by not honoring God in the family. Many seemed to be ashamed of the course they had been pursuing for the past. Some indicated a desire to engage in this Christian exercise for the future.

The following are his utterances in his last Report at the expiration of his service:—"Having concluded a year of Colportage labor in the section of country you assigned me, I now with all confidence may say that the instances are too numerous to be related in which those residing in rural districts indicated a great appreciation of privileges conferred on them by bring-