

faith and endurance displayed in the prosecution of his work. Nor do we render a smaller meed of praise to those who journey by land, and in all kinds of weather push forward the Master's work.

#### \* COLPORTEURS' REPORTS.

The reports of our colporteurs shew the continued need of this agency, and the good fruit which springs up to witness for it. Says one of our colporteurs : " While travelling along a country road I came to an old man at work by the road side. I said to him, ' I am selling religious books and bibles.' " " I am glad to see you. A few years ago there was a man around selling religious books and bibles too ; his name was Fletcher. My daughter was then sick, and I bought a little book for her called ' The Way and the Word,' for fifteen cents. She read it and it brought her to Jesus, and she is now a happy christian." He added, referring to the family, " It has done us all a lot of good." How great an event is this ! Joy in Heaven in the presence of the angels over a sinner brought to the feet of Jesus by the reading of a little book ! The widening influence of her salvation will go on throughout time and eternity. Should not such an incident as this strengthen our courage and redouble our zeal ? Another writes, " A mother with no little feeling pointed me to the nine words found in *Good News* :—' Unless you trust in Jesus, you cannot be happy.' They had been committed to memory by her dear little girl not five years old, a short time before her death. She would repeat these words as she lay in her bed preparing to go to sleep. The mother believed they were made a blessing to her soul. Nor is it only the lambs of the fold whom the tender Shepherd gently leads. He has also messages of love to the aged. An old woman told me : ' I get more good out of that little sermon book, ' Come to Jesus,' than all the books I ever read. An old body like me can so easily understand it." What a blessing has colportage been to the solitary fishing hamlets in Labrador and Newfoundland ! Referring to the former our colporteur writes :—

" The good which has been done by colporteurs who have previously travelled the coast of Labrador, will only be known in eternity. I never visited this region before, but I have heard people speak of the good and lasting impressions which have been made upon their minds by the visits of colporteurs, and the reading of good books and tracts which they have

left behind. I visit nearly a year at a time.

We are apt to think because good books are only one of many ways to take a household out of an almost Aretic darkness, narrowed the vision spelled over and a There is a conviction extracted. It is the vitalizing power did not exist before with that well of one book conned eternal redemption of a colporteur in its consequences to we to judge from nurture. One of " When we consider coves and bays where that there are three the fisheries, where well understand had a nice book which conclusively your committee to

The work done a more missionary the other provinces, there being