

Value of Grants of Books and Tracts.....	18.36
Do do do Bibles or Testaments,	2.16
No. of Public Meetings addressed, and No. of Prayer	
Meetings held.....	12
No. of Families destitute of all Religious Books except	
the Bible.....	84
No. of Families who habitually neglect Evangelical	
preaching.....	26
No. of families conversed with on personal religion, or	
prayed with.....	74
Whole number of Families visited.....	231
No. destitute of the Bible.....	21

REPORT OF LABORS

AS A COLPORTEUR IN SHEFFORD COUNTY, C.E., BETWEEN SEPT. 4
AND OCT. 11, 1851.—BY H. K. EDSON.

A report of Colportage will, at best, give but a partial view of the work. To give statistics were easy, yet this would be but a brief *index* of what the Colporteur accomplishes.

As his name implies, the Colporteur is but a transient visitor to the families or neighborhoods he enters. He cannot, like the Pastor, or stationed Missionary, often stay on his field to gather the ripened fruits of the seed he has sown. In a majority of cases, the families he meets for the first time, will not see him again till they meet on the shores of eternity. Yet so closely does the blessing of God follow in the steps of the faithful laborer, that not unfrequently, even "whiles speaking and praying," he witnesses the early blossoms, and receives the first fruits of his toil.

Colportage is a means of good accepted of Heaven, and baptized of the Spirit, as is evident from its ten years' history in the United States. The friends of Christ in Canada need but to know the facts, to be convinced of the destitutions of the field around them, and that Colportage is eminently adapted to its wants, and is a work of God.

It was my privilege in the Spring to labor in Drummond County for the American Tract Society. This experience gave me some acquaintance with the people and inspired the desire to engage in the work again under the auspices of your society, in September.

My labors were confined principally to Shefford, Stukely, and Bolton, on the Western shore of Memphramagog. The neighborhoods and families I visited gave me a cordial welcome, with few exceptions. The need of such a work was felt and expressed by both ministers and their people. It was often said, "Why has not this work been begun before?" "Why have we been for-

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