

necessity of using every effort possible to counteract this evil influence were pointed out.

Rev. Allan Simpson, in seconding the adoption of the Report, congratulated the Society upon the hopeful state of its work in every branch, as indicated by the Report just read, which he thought was one of the best yet presented for adoption. He referred to the energetic and successful labors of the Secretary during the half of the last year, and expressed confidence in the continued success of the Society's operations. In urging the "Special claims of the Society upon the public," Mr. Simpson enlarged upon the following heads:—

(1.) It is occupying a field that is not occupied by any other agency. Its work is home mission work, but home mission work outside that done by the several churches. Our agents go where there are no churches, no ministers, no lay readers and no local preachers. They go to the spiritually destitute, wherever they are, and to whatever denomination they belong. The Society has a field all its own.

(2.) Its field of work is the *neediest field*—a field that was not reached by the Churches before this Society was organized, and that is not being reached by them to-day, as the demand for our colporteur work testifies. It is to the bye-ways and back settlements of these Provinces that our agents go. It is the destitute they seek, and wherever they find them they provide them with leaves from the Tree of Life.

(3.) *The Society is doing its work economically.* Every dollar given to it goes as far in doing good as a dollar can be made to go. Our colporteur agency is the cheapest form of home mission work, and at the same time very effective.

(4.) *The Society aims at the moral and spiritual well-being of the masses of the people, regardless of the interests of any sect or party. It is undenominational.* It is Christian, but not sectarian, a helper to all churches because a worker for the glory of God and the good of men. Christian people who *pray* together should have enterprises at which they can *work* together. This is such an enterprise. Here all evangelical christians can meet. In this work they can all unite their efforts. There is room for all and need of all.

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