

You have only to read the reports of the Colporteurs themselves, or better, to hear them tell what they have seen and heard; to be convinced that there is great need for this kind of Christian work. Along our shores and in our back settlements there are numbers of our people who have no religious instruction, and there are families after families in all parts of the Province to be found, who do not possess a copy of the Holy Scriptures, about 400, I think, our Colporteurs found last year. And if we don't send the Word of life to them who will? Who ought to? And the success that God has graciously granted to our labors in the past abundantly encourages us to go forward. We had only four Colporteurs at the beginning of 1870, now we have eleven, and the sales effected by them are increasing. Where one good book is read it creates a taste for another. And in some places revival movements can be traced to the labors of our devoted Colporteurs. God is owning our work. Be it ours who remain at home to sustain those who leave their homes, and endure many hardships of which we have little idea, that they may carry the Gospel to those who know it not—be it ours to sustain them by our prayers and our contributions. Every dollar given to this Society is telling for good.

The Rev. J. F. Campbell said:—I esteem it an honor and privilege to speak for such a Society as this. I consider Union Missionary Colportage to be worthy of our confidence and support, in the first place, because of its adaptation to the needs of the people. Some of our people are highly intelligent and educated, and have, within easy reach of them, both the ordinary means of grace and books. But others are scattered over parts of the country where they are widely separated from each other, and consequently seldom and with difficulty have access to either. This society meets their case. It sends both to their homes.

It is excellent in this respect also that it contains these two most powerful agencies. It sends preachers from house to house, and their words are most valuable; but the preacher cannot remain long in each house, he passes quickly on, and many of his words will be forgotten. What then? He leaves behind him another preacher, silent yet powerful, which abides in the house and continues delivering its message when he is busily laboring elsewhere, and which will be listened to the more often and carefully, because the family have so few like it. On the other hand,