

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

TO THE BRITISH AMERICAN BOOK AND TRACT SOCIETY, the past year has been one of prosperity. For this the Committee desire to return unfeigned thanks to Him whose glory they have sought to promote. They also tender their thanks to the large and rapidly extending circle of Christian friends who, to the number of 4000, have freely contributed for the support and enlargement of their benevolent work. Since 1880 the donors have increased about seven-fold. The Committee have been cheered by the frequent reports of the Secretary from sections visited, showing the deep interest of the Christian public in the extension of Colportage.

The donations for the year amount to \$5,358.15, as compared with \$3,401.53 in 1881. This increase, coupled with the knowledge that as the people become better acquainted with the aims and advantages of Colportage, they will more generously contribute to its support, has led the Committee to increase the staff of Colporteurs to thirty men, to be located as follows:—eleven in Nova Scotia; twelve in New Brunswick; three in Cape Breton; two in Prince Edward Island, and two in Newfoundland.

Most of these have already been commissioned, and are hard at work in their respective fields. One of the Colporteurs in Northern New Brunswick will spend a portion of his time in the Province of Quebec.

SUMMARY OF COLPORTAGE IN 1882.

TWENTY-SIX men have been at work in the Provinces for some portion of the year. Their united services equal that of one man for twelve and one-fourth years. Miles travelled aggregate 20,841. Sales amount to \$13,332.86. Grants to the needy, \$913.85. Religious meetings participated in by Colporteurs number 625. Protestant families found destitute of God's Word and supplied, reach the surprising number, 205. In addition to this destitution, the Colporteurs, in their 31,679 family visits, found 279 families

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