

Colporteurs discovered nineteen and another twenty-eight families destitute. Another in Newfoundland found sixteen in the same state. A Colporteur in Nova Scotia visited a neighborhood comprising seventeen Protestant families who had no preached Gospel, no Sabbath School, but little religious reading,—several of them being destitute of any portion of the Word of God. He organized a Sabbath School, and furnished it with a Library, supplied the destitute with the Scriptures and religious books, placed the school under the charge of a christian woman whom he found in his visits among the families, and reported their case to the Ministers of the Gospel within reach.

In past years, 149 families were found in one County without the Bible. In one neighborhood 14 out of 22 families had no part of the Word of God. Another district comprising 37 Protestant families had enjoyed but one Sabbath service in a period of eleven years. In Newfoundland our Colporteurs, seven years ago, found almost the entire Protestant population, outside of the city and towns, without religious reading.

Thus there are many neighborhoods and multitudes of families in our borders living without the Gospel. They are perishing for lack of knowledge. The churches, while they are doing what they can, find it impossible to meet the present want of those destitute ones.

Hence the necessity and importance of Union Missionary colportage. What is its nature? What its objects, adaptations and capabilities? Christian men, laden with the gospel message, are sent forth by a society composed of the friends of Christ of every name. They are followed by the prayers of God's people. They go forward in their work in the spirit of prayer. They disseminate in the tract, periodicals and books they carry, the great soul-saving truths of the gospel. The single object is to promote the glory of God in the salvation and sanctification of those for whom Christ died. They seek to do good among all men as they have opportunity. The destitute and perishing are specially sought out. They are warned, instructed, directed to the Saviour, and supplied with such precious volumes of gospel truth as have in multitudes of instances been owned, and blessed by the spirit of God in saving the lost.

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