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"We much need permanent premises to form the headquarters of our extending work.

"We have reason to feel thankful to Mr. George H. Starr, Mr. Jairus Hart and others who have been so generous in their special donations to our Colportage work. Our good friends in New Brunswick will take notice that we are doing more than ever for their wide mission field, having more Colporteurs there than we have in Nova Scotia proper.

"Even the enemies, themselves being judges, we are doing a great and good work.

"Frothingham, but recently a High Priest of the new so called 'Liberal' Faith when publishing what was virtually a recantation, says:—'The new Faith cannot compete in what are commonly called benevolent enterprises.' No, truly it cannot. And again—'The new Faith will exhibit its charity when it finds an object which makes to it a commanding appeal.' It has no such object; but we have. They are beginning to feel there are wounds they cannot heal, wants they cannot meet, woes they are unable to mitigate.

"The Poet of the 'New Faith,' Matthew Arnold, fittingly and feelingly gives expression to the sense of need when he says:—

'The world which seems
To lie before us like a land of dreams,
So various, so beautiful, so new,
Hath really neither joy, nor love, nor light,
Nor certitude, nor peace, nor help for pain;
And we are here as on a darkling plain
Swept with confused alarms of struggles and flight,
Where ignorance armies close by night.'

"In the truth, as it is in Jesus, which we seek in so many for msto circulate, is the Divinely appointed Panacea.

"Therefore let us endeavour to scatter more broadcast than ever these leaves of the 'Tree of Life which are for the healing of the nations.'"

The Report was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Rev. J. F. Avery, seconded by Rev. P. G. McGregor, D. D., the officers for 1883 were unanimously elected. [For list of officers see page 3.]

After the doxology was sung Rev. A. Simpson pronounced the benediction, and brought to a close a most interesting meeting.