

length he consented to have a Bible, his bearing was hopeless and defiant. A year passed, and once again the colporteur found himself climbing the wooded path he had climbed before. The scent of the pines, the hush of the forest, the clang at intervals of the distant axe, were all as they had been then. He entered the hut, and at the table in an invalid chair, but wasted almost beyond recognition, he saw his friend. In that weary year the glory of youth had vanished, the pomps of human life had been hurried from the stage, the last shadow was unfolding itself and about to fall. He was absorbed in reading; and the colporteur noticed, with a strange awe, that he was studying the volume he had sold him a year before. His head at length was slowly lifted; the faded and sunken eye could not at first recognize the stranger, but in a moment there shone in his face a light as if from heaven. "And then," writes the colporteur, "he addressed me in words like these:— 'I cannot express my gratitude that you have brought me this Bible and thus led me to God. You gave yourself much trouble when you saw me in misery to induce me to buy the Scriptures. This is my only comfort, and I am happy, though I suffer fearfully. Since you were here my pain has greatly increased, but I am comforted, for I have found my Saviour who so tenderly soothes all the heavy laden. I came to feel how miserable I was through my unbelief, but since I have known Jesus Christ I bear the load He laid on me. In His Word I find comfort and salvation.' " May we each one, then, realise the power of units, the power of individuals, and we shall do our work with sympathy and prayer, and give pecuniary help to this Society.

The travelling secretary, Mr. McKelvie, reports 85 Branch Societies and Associations in Nova Scotia. He is untiring in his efforts to promote their efficiency. We acknowledge with thanks the service of our numerous collectors, and hope they will persevere in their useful work.

Our last Annual Report to February 28, 1895, shows that we remitted to the Parent Society:—Free contributions, £350; purchase account, £223 15s. 1d.; in all, \$2,810.25. We hope that when our financial year closes on February 29, 1896, we shall have sent a larger contribution. Our sales at the Halifax Depository have amounted, to December 31, 1895, to \$513.47. Free grants of Bibles and Testaments have been made to the County Poor Farm, Halifax Jail, Victoria Hospital, and Protestant Orphans' Home. Our contributions were for the year ending February 28th, 1895:—From Branch Societies, \$2,362.27; from Halifax, \$632.74; total, \$2,995.11. Surely a larger sum than this should be freely offered for the extension and support of the world-wide work of the Bible Society.