

consequence of a Colporteur from Toronto having preceded him in the field considered to belong to your Auxiliary.

For lack of sales, compensation has been made by a gracious providence, in augmented usefulness otherwise. Your Colporteur has been cheered by several instances of benefit derived from his visits to sick persons and others anxious about their souls; who have expressed their gratitude to him for reading the Scriptures and praying with them, and directing their attention to "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." He had satisfaction in ministering to a man reported insane, not really so in the ordinary sense of the word, but under deep conviction of sin, and feeling his need of a Saviour, who seems to have been manifested to him as He is "not to the world." This person purchased for himself and family (probably up to this period without a copy of the sacred volume) three Bibles and two Testaments.

Another case of benefit to a young man from his counsel and prayers is referred to in one of his reports; and upon the testimony of a clergyman, the head of a family in a remote township, visited by your Colporteur, gave signs of amelioration of character afterwards.

There is, however, a dark side of the picture to be referred to, under the head of Atheism. A wretched man, of "most corrupt mind," came in his way, who believed not in God, Devil, or hell, and hoped that death was annihilation!

Your Colporteur visited Sabbath-schools as opportunity offered, and gave assistance in teaching.

To three Roman Catholics, Testaments were given at their own request.

Several families were found destitute of the Word of God. One woman kept house for sixteen years and had no Bible.

The following is a list of Bibles and Testaments sold, given away, &c., by your Colporteur during the year:—

Sold.	Given away.	Families visited.	Miles travelled.
Bibles 353	Bibles 10	3245	1686
Testaments 603	Testaments 41		

Total.... 956 51

Previous year 1215—259 more than last year accounted for above.

CONCLUSION.

This Report may be profitably closed with the following eloquent appeal of the Committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society, to friends of that noble institution, to be found in the concluding section of a "Brief View of the Plans and Operations of the British and Foreign Bible Society, June 1st, 1870."

"Who that thinks of the wide-spread influence which it has obtained, or of the HUNDRED MILLIONS of copies of the Scriptures, in 252 Versions, which it has been, directly or indirectly, the means of putting forth, but must exclaim, with surprise and gratitude, 'What hath God wrought!' Yet who can read the accounts which have been given of many towns and districts in our own land—or carry his thoughts to the destitute condition of millions in Pagan or Mohammedan countries—without feeling that we are still only at the threshold of the work! Ministers at home, and Missionaries abroad, are looking to the Society for supplies; and all who are engaged in the work of Education rest their hopes upon it, as the means of affording religious instruction to the young;—and shall they ask in vain? The Society still stands in need of the unremitting exertions of its friends for the accomplishment of its high and sacred purposes. In the emphatic language of a former Bishop of Calcutta, it may still be said, that 'India, with its millions, waits for our labours.' The events which have recently taken place on the continent of Europe, and the extraordinary openings for the circulation of the Scriptures, require a corresponding effort, and will involve a large expenditure.