People throughout this section of country belong to some Church or another, with few exceptions. There is a sprinkling of Romanists, but they are cared for in such a manner that there is little or no opportunity of enlightening them. It is a lamentable fact that the light is shining, and yet so many are blind and dead to its heauty and life.

Sabbath school work is being carried on very systematically. Many schools are what is called "evergreen." The difficulties in the way of keeping open during the winter months are very great, for the snow is deep and the cold intense. It is not to be expected that an hour a week will fasten the word of God thoroughly in the mind of our youth. The work in the Sabbath school must be backed up by prayerful instruction at home, of which there is indeed great lack. We find so many glad to shift the responsibility upon some other shoulders. It is human to do so. Where people are industrious it is reasonable to expect temperate habits, and this I have found to be the case here. The sentiment against the sale and use of intoxicating beverages is strong and general. There are some outlying districts which still bear the marks of the rum plague, but the Scott Act has done much to stay its progress. Prohibition is the goal towards which many earnest workers are looking.

The great evil with which all workers in the cause of Christ have to contend, is worldly-mindedness, the heart set on the things of earth. People will not take time to look up and over yonder at the imperishable and inexhaustable treasures. Nevertheless we feel that our work will not be in vain in the Lord. The seed scattered here and there will take root in honest hearts and spring up and bear fruit by the power and blessing of God.

## REPORT OF MR. D. J. FRASER.

I beg to report that during the past year I have labored as colporteur for six months and twenty-four days; and travelled in the interest of the Society 1251 miles. I sold Bibles, books and tracts to the amount of \$648.68. The books chiefly in demand are those on practical religion, which is a good sign in itself. I always find a ready sale for Spurgeon's and Moody's works. When I thought I could benefit, especially poor families, I granted books and tracts to the amount of \$35.91, including the usual reduction to clergymen and Sabbath schools. In my travels I took part in 26 prayer meetings, and when I thought necessary I gave words of encouragement. I visited 27 Roman Catholic families who received me with great kindness, with one exception. To some of them I sold a few

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