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They addressed 698 Prayer and other Religious Meetings, many of them in neighborhoods, where there were no stated means of grace. They conversed on personal religion, read the Scriptures or prayed with 14,069 families, and made altogether 38,387 christian family visits.

SEVEN YEARS WORK.

It is now seven years since the Society commenced its operations. Sixty two Colporteurs have been employed, the aggregate of whose services is equal to the time of one man for a period of seventy-two years, four months and twenty days.

They travelled 126,052 miles,—a distance nearly equal to five times the circumference of the globe.

Their sales of Religious Books and Bibles amount to \$73,058.84, and their gratuitous distribution of Bibles, Books and Tracts to \$5,163.54.

They found 1628 families destitute of any religious reading except the Bible;—1007 Protestant families destitute of the Scriptures, and 1840 families neglecting the preaching of the Gospel. They made 10,606 visits to Roman Catholic families. They addressed 4654 Prayer and other Religious Meetings. They had conversation on personal religion, reading the Scriptures or prayer in 75,202 of the visits made by them. They made in all 174,394 family visits.

The accompanying tables of statistics, receipts and expenditures give an outside view of the progress of the work.

The first three years Colportage was confined to Nova Scotia. In the fourth it was extended to New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, in the sixth, to Newfoundland, and in the seventh, to Labrador.

The first year, the total receipts for sales from all sources amounted to \$3065.32. The last year they were \$31,448.67 or more than tenfold.

The first year's circulation by Colporteurs amounted to \$1886.82 in sales and \$172.35 in grants; the last year's to 15,301.40 in sales, and \$1207.00 in grants. More than one million of the best Religious Periodicals have been circulated among families and sabbath schools.

About 100,000 copies of the Scriptures have been distributed.

Religious publications to the amount of \$146,873.28 have been