

in Nova Scotia 11; in New Brunswick 12; in Cape Breton 3; in P. E. I. and Newfoundland two each. During last year we had 26 different men employed. When we think of what a single labourer, supplied with wholesome food for the heart and mind, (the best antidote to the pernicious poison so industriously and insidiously circulated) may accomplish in one community, what shall we say of this multiplied twenty-six times, equal to the labor of one man for 12 years and a quarter while travelling nigh 21,000 miles. How much good has been done by a single tract, costing a cent or two. Take as an example that one which years ago almost revolutionized China. What shall be said of over thirteen thousand dollars' worth of such religious literature scattered in a year? One visit is often prolific of good to a family or community; what shall be said of 31,679 such visits?

"Our Society is a Tract Society, a Home Missionary Society and a Bible Society all in one. In distributing the Scriptures, it has accomplished much more than our regular Bible Society. Through its instrumentality over 30,000 Bibles and Testaments have been imported during the year, and more than 200,000 circulated since the organization of the Society: Through free grants to Ministers and others, and to the Y. M. C. Associations and voluntary tract distributors, we are scattering tracts through widely diversified channels.

"These tracts our Society has principally supplied gratis. Those distributed among sailors are literally bread cast upon the waters to be found after many days.

"Once we were informed that there was not a family in these Provinces without a copy of the Word of God. During the past year our Colporteurs have found 205 families without the Holy Scriptures, and 379 without any religious books, and supplied the lack.

"Our free grants during the year have exceeded \$2,000 over and above liberal discounts to Pastors and Sunday Schools.

"The improved condition of the Society is largely owing to the indefatigable labours of the esteemed Secretary and Superintendent of Colportage, Mr. A. N. Archibald, who has proved truly to be the right man in the right place. We trust that his contemplated visit to the old country may prove very useful to the Society, and especially that aid in increasing our capital fund may be secured.

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