

in this as one of God's chosen instrumentalities for doing good, prudence, zeal and activity in Christ's work, are all regarded as important qualifications.

Six Colporteurs were employed during the past year for the whole or part of their time. They labored faithfully and earnestly, and the results of their work are highly encouraging. They have been distributed as follows :—

One in Lunenburg, Queen's, Shelburne and Yarmouth, one in Hants, one along the shores of Halifax and Guysborough, one in Pictou, Antigonish and Guysborough, two in Cape Breton.

One of the number closed his labors for the purpose of engaging in city mission work. One is now employed in the Depository, and four are, at present, in Commission. The aggregate term of their service is equal to that of one man for forty-nine months. They travelled 7,850 miles, and made 11,226 family visits, supplying each family with one or more religious books, Tracts, or Bibles. They held conversation on personal religion, read the Scriptures, or prayed with 5,543 families, and took part in, or conducted, 250 prayer-meetings. A Pastor testifies, respecting one of these Colporteurs, that "he is earnest, zealous, and diligent in his endeavors to do good; that he is in the habit of speaking to persons, young and old, of the necessity of the new birth, and of getting them, especially the former, to promise to seek, by persevering prayer, an interest in Christ; that his labours are highly acceptable all over his field;" and adds the cheering fact that he has been instrumental, by his private appeals and public efforts, in several instances that came to his knowledge, in awakening souls, that afterwards found peace in believing.

One hundred and thirty Protestant families were found who habitually neglected evangelical preaching, 946 Romanist families were visited and supplied by sale or grant with more or less religious truth,—many of them with the Word of God,—and one or more bound volumes. Seventy-one Protestant families were found destitute of the Bible, and 57 of all other religious books. They distributed gratuitously books and Tracts to the amount of . . . \$254.71

And by sale, 3,153.21

Total, \$3,407.92

Or about 17,000 volumes, besides many thousands of pages of Tracts.

From carefully kept statistics of Union Colportage in Nova Scotia since 1863, when it was commenced by the American Tract Society

and continued four at the present, by this Society.

Thirty-one Colporteurs of service amount to family visits were made, religious conversation, reports. In 803 of the Bible; and in 1, to Roman Catholic families of religious books and value of this aggressive disseminated, and in the estimated or known figures.

The necessity of Colportage we consider that outside Bookstores in this Province (recently opened) in leaving fourteen counties have thus no opportunity conveyed to them.

There are large numbers inadequately supplied efforts that have been volumes distributed, it average only one-and more; but very many quantity. Add to this ordinances that exists of children and youth bath School or parents who are unsaved, and of salvation; and that and we cannot but recognize there is for an aggressive operate with the work.

Friends in Halifax work. The Committee ministers and people that means may be further number of Colporteurs.