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STATISTICS OF COLPORTAGE FOR 4 YEARS.

Time employed	 28 years, 1 month and 25 days.
Miles travelled	 52,755
Amount of sales	 \$26,354.17
Do. grants	 \$1,961.59
Public meetings addressed and Prayer meetings held	 2,182
Families destitute of all Religious books except the Bible	 1,032
Families destitute of the Bible	 861
Roman Catholic families visited	 4,130
Protestant families neglecting Public Worship	 1,378
Families conversed or prayed with	 34,781
Number of Family visits	 69,541

17 Colporteurs are now employed: 1 in New Brunswick, 1 in P. E. Island, 4 in Cape Breton, and 11 in Nova Scotia proper. Two have been commissioned.

Two have been commissioned for New Brunswick, since the beginning of the year, making three for that Province. At a public meeting held in St. John, near the close of the year, a deep interest was manifested in the work, and liberal contributions were made in aid of Colportage.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We are indebted to the Nova Scotia Auxiliary Bible Society for the liberal terms on which the publications of the British and Foreign Bible Society are furnished to our Colporteurs. The Society is also under obligation to

The Society is also under obligations to the National Bible Society of Scotland for the very favourable terms on which Bibles (especially in Gaelic) are supplied to us.

The Inman, Allan and Anchor Lines of Steamships have carried our packages free of freight, and thus greatly aided the benevolent work of the Society.

We are also indebted to the Superintendent of the N. S. Railway, to the Prince Edward Island Steamers, and to the Cunard Steamer Alpha for free passage to the Secretary, and to the various stage lines in the Province, for passage at reduced fare.

The Press, both religious and secular, have kindly and generously aided the Society, by inserting notices of its operations, of the Anniversary, advertisements, &c., free of charge.

The help thus given so freely enables the Society to extend, more largely than it otherwise could, the benefits of Colportage and free distribution of the Bible, good Books and Tracts to the destitute. We, therefore, make these acknowledgements with many thanks.

Statistics of Colportage for the Year ending December 31st, 1871.

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