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LORD, bless and pity us, shine on us with thy face,
That the earth thy way, and nations all, may know thy saving grace.—*Psalms lxxvii. 1, 2*

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REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE OF COLPORTAGE, TO THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA.

It is now eight years since we commenced operations in circulating religious books, through the agency of colporteurs. We submit the following brief account of the last year's proceedings.

In our balance sheet of last Report, our liabilities were £210: to meet which and cover the expenses of sale, we had stock on hand to the amount of £324.—As trade was rather failing and the circulating medium becoming scarce, it was deemed prudent to be moderate in our importations, and careful about increasing our liabilities, more especially as the Board of Publication or their agent has been lately more particular, both as to their terms and time of credit. Still, we added to our stock about 3620 volumes, at the cost of about £220, and our sales and payments have been such as to reduce our liabilities to £165 nearly, to cover which we have stock on hand, £243; which, after deducting the ordinary expenses for sale will leave a small balance for contingencies.

As to the sphere of our operations, we have been endeavouring to occupy fully the whole field on which we at

first entered, though in some cases we have fallen short and in others rather exceeded.

Prince Edward's Island has been well supplied by Mr. James D. Gordon last fall, and Mr. Fraser this spring.—Mr. John Faulkner still labours in the midland counties of Hants, Colchester, and Halifax. Mr. James Gordon extends his labours through the counties of Pictou and Guysborough, to Cape Breton. Mr. William Logan travels the North Shore to Pugwash, and Mr. John Dickson from thence round to PARSBOROUGH. These last three do not travel all the time, but they have always a supply of books on hand, and make the best sale of them they can under their circumstances. The others are more regular, and probably all together average the full time of three.

Since the month of July 1852, when, with the sanction and under the patronage of the Synod, we commenced operations, without any capital, (having to advance the expenses of the first importation from private funds), we have procured 57,148 volumes. These with the exception of the stock on hand have