

whole number of publications issued by the Society at its House, excluding the Periodicals, 6,103; of which 1,276 are volumes, the remainder paper-covered books, tracts, leaflets, cards and handbills.

"The whole number of publications at foreign missionary stations, approved by the Society's Publishing Committee, and issued wholly or in part by its funds granted for this purpose is 4,216, of which 641 are volumes."

During the past thirty-eight years the aggregate time employed by the Colporteurs of this Society amounts to, months 62,821; number of volumes sold, 11,135,136; number of family visits, 12,187,426.

The Committee say:—

"The field for this form of evangelizing effort is almost boundless. Even in stable and Christian New England are found some people outside of all church influences; in Northern New York are mountain regions where no gospel is preached; in the Alleghanies of Pennsylvania and Virginia are thousands of habitations to which no living pastor ever goes; in the swamps of the Southern seaboard and the lower Mississippi are wide wastes unvisited by the regular ministry; on the staked plains of Texas and for fifteen hundred miles of its frontier, church, nor school, nor Sabbath instruction is found; and when we pass Westward, the half of our wide land, from Canada to Mexico, and from Western Kansas and Missouri to the Pacific Ocean, is one vast expanse of mountain and plain, dotted here and there with human habitations, with no gospel institutions adequate to supply their spiritual needs. These are the chosen fields for Union Missionary Colportage."

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