

ist, or Methodist, or Presbyterian, but I
A man told me that he thought 'Line
books published for children, one of
ng the Bible. He bought 'Line upon
s pleasure in reading it and the Bible.
ren are so fond of reading this book,
n and read it after the rest are in bed."

rites:—"During the past year I have
uburbs, and Dartmouth. I was three
re about \$18 worth of books. I have
the wharves and country markets, as
re books among the sailors and to
than I could at the houses in the city
steadily, and I trust faithfully, and
ember 23rd, 1305 Bibles and 751
of other books, to the amount in all
tracts freely and made some few
and those who wanted books willing
testant family destitute of the Bible,
nd bought one from me. I was in
ne, the Old Ladies Home, the Poor
n, and Deaf and Dumb Asylum, and
made grants of books and tracts to
House; Mr. Shields told me they
an they could make use of. The
vered to the above places were thank-

ces, Sailors Boarding Houses, Liquor
shops, Gas Works, Iron Foundry,
artments and Workshops connected
other books nearly every visit. I
houses I have called at and offered
purchased Bibles. I always leave
and try to do some good in giving
d no person, but one who travels
street, could realise the amount of
is dreadful to hear it, but who can
may work but God's blessing must
of any good, and I trust and pray
the influences of the Holy Spirit,
od in God's vineyard.

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From the American Tract Society's Report for 1869-70, we clip the following admirable view of

COLPORTAGE.

"The first thoroughly organized system of union missionary colportage was originated by the American Tract Society in 1841

"From small beginnings it spread over all the States of the Union, and was accompanied with blessed results. As a distinct form of evangelizing work, colportage has not been confined to the United States. About thirteen years after its organization here, Rev. R. S. Cook, then Secretary of the American Tract Society, visited Scotland, and conferred fully with the officers of the Religious Book and Tract Society in that land, who were just at that time, as God ordered it, anxiously enquiring how they might reach with saving truth the many beyond the direct influence of the Churches. Union colportage was immediately commenced by that Society, and under the able and indefatigable supervision of Rev. William Boyd, their General Secretary, it has been prosecuted with ever-increasing success. At the last reports, every county in Scotland was supplied with at least one man threading the highways and byways, seeking the lost and wandering. At the beginning of this year, one hundred and sixty colporteurs were in commission in Scotland.

"The example of Scotland soon reached Ireland; and after conference, the system was introduced there, and has gradually extended until every county except four has been reached. Fifty colporteurs are now efficiently diffusing saving truth among the mansions and the cabins of Ireland.

"Christians in England were less prompt in adopting colportage as an evangelizing power; but by degrees it has grown upon there, until now there are sustained by various associations about forty men in this good work; fifteen of them by the Society in Scotland. An influential society in London, if formed for this purpose on a catholic basis, might soon fill England with godly laborers going from house to house.

"This form of Christian effort seems now established in every important centre of Protestant Christianity, as an essential aid in the evangelization of the world. Its prominent features—the press combined with personal effort, for the salvation of individuals—are employed by every mission on heathen shores, and must be employed everywhere, still more faithfully before the multitudes at home and abroad, now unconverted, shall be brought to Christ.

"There are, we think, at least ten millions of adult men and women in the land to-day, out of Christ and as regardless of his claims practically as the heathen. They are most numerous proportionately in the newer portions of the country South and West, especially among the western mountains and on the Pacific slope; but they are found everywhere in startling numbers even within the sound of church bells, yet chiefly, doubtless, beyond the immediate reach of the minister's voice, and the direct influence of church organizations. If you go in search of them with the Bible in your hand and the love of souls burning in your heart, you find them in every third or fourth house of city and country; but practically from their carelessness, or prejudice, or outbreathing wickedness, quite beyond the reach of the ordinary means of grace. They are not seeking a knowledge of the Bible, they wish no acquaintance with the church. Many of them are hardened in sin, many unbelievers in revelation, some bitter opposers of all that is good.