

literature, and after examining my books express regret that I have no books they care for.

BAD ROADS.

The main roads are good, but some settlements are hard to reach, and one is often reminded of the two goats meeting on the narrow bridge. It is no uncommon thing for those meeting to have to unyoke one of the horses, remove the waggon from the road, and allow the other to pass. This year, both in spring and fall, the roads have all been bad, and for days and even weeks impassable for horses and waggons. From this and other causes I had to give up work from the 1st of April to the 16th of May, and for two weeks in the fall the roads have been excessively bad, preventing me from going to several places where I was wanted, and where I know I would have done well. These and numerous other difficulties have to be encountered, but I know they are common to all engaged in the work, and I have no wish to magnify them. Were it not that I am required to give a true report of my field, both "its needs and difficulties," I might have turned sooner to the brighter side, and I am glad to say there is a brighter side, though it to has its dark spots.

BIBLES.

This year I have sold and distributed 512 Bibles, and 618 New Testaments. I found many districts—unlike those referred to before—where there is an eager desire for the Bible and good books, and many a self-denying effort put forth to obtain them. It is understood that Colporteurs only take money for their books, but in some settlements I found it impossible to adhere strictly to this rule. So eager were the people for Bibles, and money so scarce—though the people were not poor—that I had to take what they had to give or make no sales. As stated above, I found five families without Bibles in their homes. Three of these were young married people, who, when talked to kindly and yet faithfully, at once acknowledged that they were doing very wrong, and all bought copies and paid for them. Two of these wish to be supplied with family Bibles next year. I only met with one case where the family was too poor to pay for a Bible, the other case was that of a family from town come to spend a few months in the country—they had brought many comforts with them, but had forgotten the Bible. The father would not buy one though his daughter pleaded with him to do so. In this case I did not give one, and I have often asked myself if I did wrong in not offering one, but I had good reason to believe that it would not have been accepted. Nothing gladdens the heart of the Colporteur more than selling and distributing the Bible. In most cases a few words of kindly advice is given regarding its use, and in all cases an earnest sweet prayer to God to bless it.