

WHAT IS WANTED FOR 1889.

Is it too much to ask in consideration of a good work so far reaching and wants so pressing, that we be supplied with \$10,000 in 1889? The class of the public most benefited by colportage are the poor. They are often such as can be and are reached by no other agency. Our collector calls but once a year and many of our friends could increase their donations without any inconvenience to themselves. Church funds are being constantly aided throughout the year, and therefore a fund which receives but a single donation should be aided in proportion to its importance. When John the Baptist sent a deputation to Jesus to enquire if He were indeed the Messiah,—“Art thou He that should come, or do we look for another?” Jesus answered and said unto them: “Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see.” And after reciting the wonders of miraculous power, this also is added, as one of the marvels of his surpassing love: “And the poor have the Gospel preached to them.” He is the same yesterday and to-day and forever, and His blessing will be on those who carry out His wishes. Aid us then to carry this Gospel to the poor.

In 1887 our expenditure exceeded our income by \$700, and in 1888 by \$1,100. The districts most in need of the labors of our colporteurs are the very districts that can least afford to pay for books. Hence sales by colporteurs have been less profitable and more costly than we could wish. In some districts the profits of colportage will go far to meet expenses; but not so, where the work is most urgently needed.

We therefore wish to extend and not to lessen our work and to pay for this extension, and to re-pay what has been advanced from capital account we ask for \$10,000.

THANKS.

The very cordial thanks of this Society are due: 1. To the Auxiliary Bible Societies of P. E. Island, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, for substantial and timely aid in the distribution of the Holy Scriptures. 2. To the British and Foreign Bible Society which has granted us special terms for Bibles used in colportage work. 3. To the Scottish