

KINDNESS RECEIVED.

With some exceptions I have been kindly received. At a few places I have stayed I have not been charged, but as a rule both rich and poor look for payment in one way or another. One reason of this is the large number of book agents and peddlars of all kinds on my ground who get along as cheaply as they can, some of them acting very meanly if the truth be spoken. Another reason perhaps is that I am too independent and do not urge the claims of the Society as I ought. One night I wrought too late, and was refused lodging at two places, night very dark—road bad and unknown to me—six miles from the nearest town; resolved to push on, was not long before I saw a light, in a barn and made for it. Two young men were cleaning buckwheat, told me they were working the place on the shares, but said if I would wait I could go home with them. I set to work and helped them to finish which we did between twelve and one o'clock. They provided for me comfortably.

CONVERSIONS BY MEANS OF TRACTS AND BOOKS.

Of this I cannot yet speak as I have not gone over much of my ground a second time. All I can say the seed has been sown with no stinted hand. Often rising early and working late, in order that I might do my work as thoroughly as possible, and amid much to dishearten, rejoicing to carry joy and gladness into the dwellings of rich and poor, and to leave some sunshine in every home entered.

NOVA SCOTIA.

General Summary of Colportage in the Province of Nova Scotia
with extracts from Colporteurs' Reports.

During the year 1886 eight men were employed whose united service equalled that of one man for fifty-two months. They travelled 10742 miles. They sold books and Bibles to the value of \$4818.96. They granted \$380.95 worth; 260 public meetings were held. There were found 77 families destitute of all religious books, except the Bible. Of families who had no Bible, there were found 57. To the homes of Roman Catholics, 374 visits were paid. Of nominal Protestants who habitually neglect evangelical preaching, 184 families were found. In 7688 families, there was personal conversation on matters of religion, or prayer was offered. The whole number of family visits paid was 17,459.

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