

NEW BRUNSWICK.

General Summary of Colportage in the Province of New Brunswick including extracts from Colporteurs' Reports.

DURING the year 1889 six men were employed, whose united services equalled that of one man for 46 months. They travelled 9011 miles. They sold books and Bibles in value \$4,238.15. They granted \$297.43 worth; 107 public meetings were held. There were found 67 families who were destitute of all religious books, except the Bible. Of families who had no Bible, there were found 29. To the homes of Roman Catholics, 211 visits were paid. Of nominal Protestants who habitually neglect evangelical preaching, 90 families were found. In 3,129 families, there was personal conversation on matters of religion, or prayer was offered. The whole number of family visits paid was 12,737.

REPORT OF MR. ALEX. MCLEAN.

MY labors for the Society have been for a period of five months during the summer. The distance travelled for that time is 1170 miles. The sales amounted to the sum of \$487.77, that for the Scriptures alone was \$188.32, the discount to Sabbath Schools was \$12.85, to ministers \$4.43. I made 2005 visits to families; conversed on religious subjects or prayed with 208; addressed 20 public meetings; preached on the Sabbath on 6 different occasions, and had 3 services in the evenings.

Many expressed the hope and desire that the Society will be pleased to send the colporteur among them every year. Generally speaking I have been kindly received. The part of the country, over which my labors extended is the finest and richest in the Province of New Brunswick. There is a great deal of wealth and prosperity visible. The people are a busy people. The intelligence of the great majority is not above the average, and for want of leisure and want of education they are not readers. Sales, however, will grow from year to year, as the good work goes on. We know that all solid growth is slow, but on account of the slowness, lasting. This much is patent, that the people do not purchase literature of any kind in proportion to their means. It is not a question of ability or inability, but of willingness whether or not good books shall be found on the household shelves. The importance of this matter is not dreamed of, not to speak of being fully realized.