

were found 136. To the homes of Roman Catholics 1,315 visits were made. Of nominal Protestants who habitually neglect Evangelical preaching 608 families were found. In 15,131 families there was personal conversation on matters of religion, or prayer was offered. The whole number of family visits made was 40,638.

GENERAL REVIEW.

The British American Book and Tract Society has been engaged in the work of Colportage for nineteen years, and during that period home mission work has been performed equal to that of one man for 208 years. There were made 562,174 family visits. There were found 2,369 families destitute of the Bible whose want was supplied, and 4,433 families were sought out who had no religious books in their houses except the Bible, and a small supply of religious reading was given to each. This work was paid for at an average cost of \$456 per annum for services and travelling expenses. This does not include any charge for superintendence, which has been borne generally by the business. The cost would have been much greater except for the considerate kindness of many hospitable friends of the Society, who have extended a welcome to our Colporteurs, and in this way made in effect a donation to the funds and helped on the Lord's work. Considering the arduous nature of the employment, and the privations which our agents are called on to endure, travelling over bad roads at all seasons, uncertain many times where they can find a resting place, through dust or mud, snow or slush, rain or shine, plodding over the highways and bye-ways of our provinces, they deserve our warmest sympathy. Our agents have visited and explored the rocky shores of Labrador and the wild coasts of Newfoundland; they have traversed the length and breadth of the Maritime Provinces, cheering the sick, comforting the afflicted, arousing the careless, counselling the young and ministering to the aged, sowing seed beside all waters. It is a source of peculiar gratification to us that so much has been accomplished with the very limited funds at the disposal of the committee. We asked in faith; we received in faith; and in faith what we have received has been expended. The question is sometimes asked—Where does the money come from which supports this work? From three sources. The contributions of the