

AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

Colportage have been for many years a prominent feature of this Society's work. We glean the following interesting statements from the last report issued :—

"The system of *Union Missionary Colportage* originated by this Society, combining the two elements of power for good, the printed truth with the living voice of the colporteur, has been prosecuted for thirty-seven years, reaching, to greater or less extent, every state and almost every territory of our wide land.

"It long since ceased to be an experiment, and for years no intelligent man, so far as the Committee know, has raised objection to the principles on which it is founded, or expressed doubts of its great usefulness. The permanence of its results, in neighborhoods reformed, Sabbath schools established, churches originated, and thousands of individuals converted unto God, impress the Committee more and more with the desire to extend its blessings into all the wastes of the land."

SUMMARY VIEW OF COLPORTAGE FOR THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS.

Time employed, months.....	61,937
Number of volumes sold.....	11,005,080
" " granted.....	2,887,621
" public meetings addressed and prayer meetings held.....	397,551
" families destitute of all religious books except the Bible.....	939,214
" Protestant families destitute of the Bible.....	602,933
" families of Roman-catholics visited.....	948,620
" Protestant families habitually neglecting evangelical preaching.....	1,651,720
" families conversed with on personal religion, or prayed with.....	6,613,358
" family visits.....	12,020,011

Two hundred and thirty-six Colporteurs were employed during the year.

A noteworthy event of the year is the "restoration of harmony between the Society and the American Tract Society of Boston," the two being now cordially united under the management of the Directors in New York.

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