

ever remains for Mrs. Kennedy and her four children, (one of them an invalid through spinal complaint), of her husband's seventeen years arduous and self-denying labor in preaching, publishing and colportage in Canada, save what may come to her from the **CHRISTIAN MONTHLY**. Whether the **CHRISTIAN MONTHLY** will succeed so as to yield anything to the family, or whether it may not be a loss, which must be discontinued at the end of the first year, is still in the future, and therefore of uncertain issue. Even at the best, in the present condition of Canadian periodical literature, which has to contend with the magnificent issues of the English and American Monthlies, much cannot, for a time at least, be realized from this publication. It remains, therefore, to place the family above want, that the Christian people of Canada, of all denominations, continue the work which was so nobly begun by the people of Cheltenham. Many individuals who knew Mr. Kennedy and appreciated his work, have already sent their words and deeds of kindness to his widow. Some congregations have made collections and forwarded them. It must be, however, that something additional can be done by parties who have not yet contributed. This appeal is made not as a matter of charity, but as a matter of justice to the family of a workman, who lived and died in the service of evangelical religion in Canada. If he has sown unto us spiritual things, is it a great thing if his family shall reap our carnal things? Contributions for Mrs. Kennedy, forwarded to the editor, Rev. Jas. Cameron, Chatsworth, will be applied in connection with moneys raised in other quarters to the benefit of the family, and these donations will be regularly acknowledged on the cover of the **CHRISTIAN MONTHLY**.

#### COLPORTAGE IN CANADA.

We have no manner of sympathy with the opinion, naturally enough current in

literary circles, that the power of the pulpit is gone and that in its stead the press now reigns. There have been a great many changes in the world since the days of Cowper, changes that have vastly increased the influence of the press, but in no respect will sensible men wish his words altered when he said,

"I say the pulpit (in the sober use  
Of its legitimate, peculiar powers)  
Must stand acknowledged while the world  
shall stand

The most important and effective guard,  
Support and ornament of virtue's cause."

On the day of Pentecost it was not a *pen* of fire but a *tongue* that symbolized to the church its conquering power. "A TONGUE," as an eloquent writer remarks, "the only instrument of the grandest war ever waged, a *tongue*—man's speech to his fellow-man: a message in human words to human faculties, from the understanding to the understanding, from the heart to the heart."

While holding to the supremacy of the living voice as the *chief* instrument for spreading the truth, the church of Christ must guard against the error of neglecting *subordinate* instruments. "It is the function of the Christian Church," remarks a German author, "to translate Shemitic into Japhetic." While holding the Shemitic truth (Christ), and the Shemitic instrument (foolishness of preaching) it must receive welcome, and use the Japhetic inventions (the pencil, and the press) in helping the preacher to make known Christ.

The "lawless press," as Lange calls it, is busy at work, treading under foot what is holy, and deifying what is wicked, pretending only to describe sin, it *adorns* it, and *creates* it in the hearts of its readers. "In its pages," says the writer above referred to, "respectable swindlers are disguised as priests and barons, as counts and founders of religious sects. There is not a form of guilt or seduction which has not its literature: there is no disgraceful action which has not been decked out by literary hands." While the church is