

In the Press there lies to the hand of Christians an instrument for advancing the Kingdom of the Redeemer, the importance of which has not yet dawned, in its full glory, on the minds of Christ's disciples. Had the modern press been ready to the hand of Paul and his fellow-labourers, as it is in our day, to the hand of their successors in the work of evangelizing the world, we can easily believe that its energies would have been taxed to its utmost capacity by the apostles in writing and editing, and by the people in spreading over the world the glad tidings by means of the printed page. In a recent work on pastoral theology by Dr. Murphy, of Philadelphia, (reviewed in these pages this month) we find, (a new thing in such books) a section or two devoted to the "duty of the pastor in regard to religious literature." "This subject," Dr. Murphy says, "the minister should look into, and endeavour to have his people benefited by the rich stores of instruction which are flowing out from the religious press. He may draw much important aid for his work from this source. The periodical religious press, when habitually perused, will undoubtedly make the people more intelligent, and consequently more interested in the Kingdom of Christ; it will supplement the teachings of the pastor; it will enforce, by adding additional authority, the truths which are uttered from the pulpit. If the religious journals did no more than take the place of, and so crowd out, the pernicious literature that is issuing from so many other presses it would be an unspeakable blessing to the church and the world. That pastor is neglecting a splendid auxiliary to his work who is not using every effort to induce his people to take and read papers which are devoted to the spread of the righteousness of Christ, the salvation of souls, and purifying the lives of believers. . . . He should make this recommendation and urge it strongly from the pulpit. He should enter into the matter more particularly as he goes about from house to house."

Under the biting lash of Spurgeon's whip does our *Canada Christian Monthly*, in any fairness come? Are there found in its columns, "Religious puffs, exaggerated reports of meetings, one-sided