

*The American Newspaper Directory.*  
New York: G. P. Rowell & Co.  
8vo. pp 1044.

This bulky book is a phenomenon in its way. It purports to give accurate lists of all the newspapers and periodicals published in the United States and Canada, with an estimate of their circulation. An edition of 10,250 is printed for gratuitous distribution, the expense being met by about 500 pages of newspaper advertisements. Some of these are very curious and interesting. We notice papers in German, Welsh, Bohemian, French, Spanish, Scandinavian, etc., and papers devoted exclusively to such specialties as the laundry, carriage-making, phonography, masonry, druidism, bicycling, and the like. The publishers keep on file, at New York, all these papers, and make contracts for inserting advertisements therein. One publisher honestly announces his circulation as exactly 540, and others run up to the 100,000. Some of the titles are most extraordinary, as the *Quid Nunc*, *El Espijo*, the *Hub*, *Woman's Words*, *Aurora Borealis*, the *Two Laredos*, *Thirty Four*, *Puck*, *Grip*, *The Lens*, *Red Cloud Chief*, *Der Seebote*, *Patrol*, *Clarion*, *Eagle*, *Bullion*, *The Voice*, *The Ray*, *The Ball*, *Magnet*, *Y Wasg*, *The Spy*, *The Breeze*, *Trigon*. A Colorado editor announces his paper as one of "vim, vinegar, vitriol, and enterprise." The book will be useful to advertisers, but we think the publishers, from the materials in their hands, might give fuller statistics of newspaperdom as a whole than they have done—as the total number of papers on the continent, their aggregate circulation, and the like.

*Baptisma: The Modes and Subjects of Christian Baptism.* By J. LATHERN. pp. 255. Halifax: Rev. Dr. Pichard; and Methodist Book-Rooms, Toronto and Montreal.

We are glad to see that this valuable work has reached a third edition—an evidence of its worth and of the need for such a book. Its re-issue has given the author the opportunity to recast in part and generally improve the arrangement

and treatment. He has done us the honour to quote the early art and epigraphic testimony of the catacombs on this important subject. It is a gratification to find that that testimony has attracted much attention, and has been published in tract form both in the United States and in Canada.

The Rev. L. N. Beaudry, the energetic and successful French missionary of our Church, is passing through the press of our Book-Room a new edition of his interesting and instructive work, "*The Spiritual Struggles of a Roman Catholic.*" He gives an inside view of that system in which he was brought up, such as is not readily obtained. Nevertheless, he brings no word of railing accusation against the religion of his fathers, but rather tries to show the more excellent way of the Gospel. The book has a vivid narrative interest, as well as much direct religious teaching.

We are glad to learn that the copy for Cornish's *Cyclopedia of Canadian Methodism* has been put in the printer's hand in our Publishing Establishment. The book will be issued as soon as possible. It will, doubtless, be a work of great importance. The compiler has bestowed great labour to secure accuracy and fulness. It will be a perfect mine of information on all that pertains to the statistics, etc., of Canadian Methodism. It will contain the record of 2,170 ministers and preachers, and of 1,160 circuits and missions. It embraces the whole Dominion, and comes down to the Conferences of 1880. We have used Cornish's small *Hand-Book of Methodism* with great advantage, and anticipate much greater benefit from the use of this much larger and more comprehensive volume. As the size of the edition will be limited by the prospective demand, ministers and others wishing to obtain a copy—and we trust that the number will be many—will confer a favour by sending their orders to the author at Burlington, or to the Book-Steward, as early as possible.