

lars. But where are the men? We were almost inclined to say that a good colporteur, like a good poet, must be *born* to his business, or else he cannot be *made* to it. In this country, especially needs he peculiar qualifications. He must be able to bear, while footing it in the open air, the great heat of our summer and the great cold of our winter; he must fight his way through the rural districts, beset with the prejudices that years have nourished, against "Yankee Book Peddlers;" he will meet with thousands of church-members who would buy any wild, wicked and spicy book, but "who have more religious books than they find time to read," which is probably quite true. He will meet with men who are so much of this that earth they will read nothing but newspapers; and also men who think that they are so near heaven that they will read nothing but the Bible. The Colporteur must be a man of tact, and knowledge of the world, and love for souls, and without greed for money or greed for greatness, or greed for spreading himself on platforms, or airing himself in pulpits. He will be willing to preach as his Master did, to two and three, willing to whisper the truth, to show it, to argue for it, to suffer for it, and to live it, as well as to sell it. Then by degrees, as the man and the mission become known to the rural population, they will welcome him to their homes and their hearts. The little children will run to greet him and rejoice over a sight of the books and the pictures as a miser over his hidden treasure. He will in time have the joy of seeing on the shelf of the farm-house, side by side, with "Chase's Receipt Book," copies of *Bible Pictures for our Pets*; *Ten Steps in the Narrow Way—a Book for Girls*; *The Realm of the Ice King—a Book for Boys*; and *The Leisure Hour*; *The Sunday at Home*; *Howe's Works*, books for the father and the mother.

There are many young men in Canada, who, by their talents and education, are not exactly fitted to take up the work of public preaching, but who would make admirable Colporteurs. It ought to be impressed on people who are converted,—and who are anxious to serve their Lord, that *preaching* is only one of seven ways of