

We respectfully and earnestly call attention to the three following articles on tracts, periodicals and colportage. The necessity and importance of these several departments of christian effort are clearly and vividly set forth. We ask every lover of Divine truth, all who desire the prosperity of religion and morality, of the cause of Christ in our land, carefully to read and ponder these statements, and then to give their sympathy, their prayers and cordial co-operation in promoting these objects. —

TRACTS.

The following admirable remarks are by Theodore Monod, of France:—

NEW TRACTS.

Why do we want new tracts? Why not content ourselves with reprinting the best of the old ones? It is necessary, without dropping the old ones, to have new. There is a continual demand for them. Besides, everything changes. Numbers of the allusions, and the comparisons of forty years ago, have no meaning for us now. The very manner of expressing oneself varies from one generation to another. We ought to bring forth from our treasury things both new and old.

Who ought to write new tracts? Not always the man who says, "I could easily compose a tract." Nor he who says, "I am not able to do it." The man who ought to write a tract is the one who feels that he has a tract to write. Have you never said to yourselves, "There should be a tract on that subject." Well, write one. When? As soon as possible. As the proverb says, "Strike while the iron is hot." What are the subjects which should be treated of, and whence are they to be taken? You must think, you must pray, you must search. In your reading you may find tracts already made. In the old stories of our history, in the sermon you have heard, in the remarks made around you, and in the incidents of daily life—everywhere fruitful subjects are to be found. The essential thing is to have something to say, and to say it well!

USE OF TRACTS.

The following is a grateful instance of the revolution which one tract may effect after leaving the hands of the "distributer."—"A schoolmaster, whom I know well, but whose name I forbear to mention, seeing one day a Romish priest coming down the steps of his church, where he had just been saying mass, went up to him and

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