

d promoting the cause of their and believe that they have been are the earnest, honest, religious way for the successful introduction of earnestness and love, to knowledge of Christ. It must there are so many men going to awaken to a sense of their which they will stand at the glory of Christ, and for the work when the tempest falls upon none; they endure fatigues and

I will be bound to say that could do what the City Mission-Colporteurs are doing in the and is sure, and their water is for they undergo, the comforts of Christ. They are not of Jesus, they read the Holy small voice" that whispers to the great essential truths as learned who are most successful taught by the Spirit and they teach. A great deal of carnal weapons, by Gothic light, by elaborate ceremonies, ing its spread—these things s, the grand verities of our

asked to speak upon "the presume it is expected that odicals, as none others are port itself you can learn at a desire to have circulated in the "Sunday Magazine" les, and of the smaller and "The American Messenger." copies of these publications rge number, 75,000 more

than in the year 1870, and I believe about four times as many as were in circulation by this Society three years ago. Thus you see, if there were no other channel through which these publications could pass into the homes of our people (but there are) through this channel alone, a vast amount of periodical literature is finding its way to the youth and adult population of our province. And we are glad of it, for the reading matter thus supplied is very good. It ought to be a sufficient guarantee of its character to say that it is religious, and it would, were it not that much of the current literature of the day that goes under that heading is far from being what it ought to be. With regard to these periodicals, however, and we are acquainted more or less with all of them, we have no hesitation in saying—(1)—that they are *instructive*. Some of them exceedingly so. They contain original articles on interesting and important subjects. They are edited and supported by the ablest and best men of the day. And no ordinary reader can peruse them without receiving valuable instruction from them.

(2)—*Attractive*—The articles they contain are for the most part written in an easy, popular style. There is nothing heavy or dull about them. Consequently they will be, and are read by scores of people, and especially young people, who would seldom look into a religious book, or who if they did would be almost sure to grow tired of it before they got half way through with it. And moreover in this stirring age, those who are actively engaged in carrying on christian work have not the time necessary for the perusal of the volumes that are daily coming from the press, but in these periodicals they get in a condensed and attractive form the substance of them—just the information, and as much of it as they require for their work.

(3)—*Liberal*. Occasionally there may be a paragraph or even a whole article in these periodicals that a rigid sectarian could not sanction, but the aim of them is not to build up sects, but to edify believers and awaken sinners. They are intended for *the* church, the catholic church, and not for any particular branch of it, to the exclusion of all other branches.

(4)—*Evangelical*. We would say orthodox only it is a little difficult to determine what orthodoxy is. These publications, so far as we have seen them, are decidedly and thoroughly evangelical. They present the Gospel simply—often very beautifully. Their theology may be summed up in these words, "man is a sinner and Jesus Christ is the Saviour."

Speaking, therefore, of them as a whole we can safely say they are