

their children to do the same. The conversations I had with the people on personal religion were, on the whole, refreshing, but it grieved me to find many—some of them old men on the brink of the grave—eager to draw me into religious controversy. To all such I reply, The days are too short, and even life itself is too short, for such trifling. I tell them my rule is "work while it is day, the night cometh when no man can work."

SUPPLY OF THE MEANS OF GRACE.

My field, so far as yet explored, is well supplied with churches, in many places there are too many, it is no uncommon thing to find two and sometimes three churches where one would be amply sufficient. This arises from each denomination striving to maintain a church of its own, while the people find it almost impossible to maintain a regular supply of preaching. Still on the whole I find a strong tendency on the part of all earnest christians to draw closer together, and in most places the different evangelical bodies are working harmoniously, and the ministers working together faithfully and beyond their strength to overtake their work, and to "preach the gospel to every creature" within their reach. Colportage can do much to promote this christian charity and help to supply the lack of instruction in out of the way districts.

PRAYER MEETINGS

are established in most places and are fairly well attended, a large number of those present taking a part. I have not come in contact with any special revival movement except the Salvation Army. I have attended some of their meetings, but have not spoken at any of them.

ROMAN CATHOLICS.

I have visited 119 families, Irish and French. To the former I sell the Douay version of the New Testament, and sometimes to the latter when they can read it. I also leave them suitable tracts and give small books to the children when I find they can read. I find English newspapers in many R. C. homes, and often these contain a sermon by Talmage and others. They say they read the sermons and like the teaching, but affirm that Protestants are not any better than Roman Catholics, and that they are not as diligent in waiting upon the means of grace. This is but too true. The R. C., both French and Irish, are, without exception, kind and hospitable. I forgot to mention that they often ask me for their own version of the Bible as well as the New Testament, and I have sold to the same person both the Douay Testament and the Protestant Bible. I can often sell our books to educated Roman Catholics.