

the little children who merely said to him, "Go up, thou bald head," in consequence of which forty-two of them were destroyed by bears. This man, however, attended our meetings, and when subscriptions were taken up offered your missionary his last dollar, and when he refused to take it, pressed him, saying, "I have been breaking for a man, and will get some more in a day or two,"—and for next year his name appears for five dollars.

Another man, who was a member of the Presbyterian Church at one time, but who had sadly degenerated, had a great many difficulties to present, all of which he wanted thoroughly cleared up before he would take the first step in the Christian life. Much of the Bible he rejected as interpolations, and requested your missionary to explain clearly "How God's Sovereignty and man's free will could be in thorough harmony, how sin originated, what place the devil holds in the economy of nature," and other questions of a similar character.

Another man considered all ministers to be nothing but humbugs, more intent upon making money than saving souls, because a certain New York pastor gets such a large salary that he is able to purchase a farm annually in the neighbourhood of Whitby.

A large number have rather loose views regarding the Sabbath, and frequently do not hesitate to attend to things which we believe to be altogether out of harmony with the sanctity of that day. These obstacles to the work, however, are being gradually removed, and will, we trust, in a very short time be entirely overcome.

Several school-houses were built last summer, and others are in the course of erection. These will serve for preaching places until churches are erected.

The material progress of this field during the past year has been very

marked. A kind Providence has blessed the labours of the husbandman with a bountiful harvest. Hundreds of acres of the prairie have been prepared for next year's crop. A bridge now spans the Great Souris at Souris City, and another at Millford, costing \$3,000, is under contract. Last spring Souris City contained only a boarding house and a store. Now it has a saw and grist mill, four stores, a large number of private dwellings, a school-house, Methodist parsonage, hotel and blacksmith shop. Brick of an excellent quality is manufactured about a quarter of a mile from it, which will doubtless prove a source of wealth to it.

Millford, also, during the past year, has doubled its size, and now boasts of four stores, a shoe shop, blacksmith shop, hotel, registry office, Methodist church, school-house, saw and grist mill, and several private dwellings. The value of land has increased at a wonderful rate, so that men have been growing rich even while they slept.

Regarding its spiritual progress, little of a positive character can be said. Outwardly, at least, great progress has been made, and let us hope that this is an indication of some progress inwardly. The Gospel has been preached both *in* public and in private. The people have been visited, and over seven hundred tracts distributed. Before the end of the season *nearly* all—not *all*—who claimed to be Presbyterians, as well as many from other denominations, were induced to come out and hear the Gospel, and four made profession of faith in Christ for the first time. The Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper were administered on September 24th, by the Rev. Mr. Ferries, of Brandon. Steps have been taken in the direction of organization at each of the five stations, and a lot has been secured in Millford for the erection of a church next summer. The people in