

amount will be devoted by him, under the cognizance of a large and respectable local committee, for the payment of debts incurred on behalf of the mission, and for the maintenance, as far as it will go, of the schools and missions under Mr. Chiniquy's care.

After careful inquiry and consideration, my own conviction is that all the money contributed by the benevolent in Europe and America, which has come into Mr. Chiniquy's hands, together with his own private resources, has been judiciously spent on the French people of Illinois, for the relief of urgent distress, and promoting the work of Protestant reformation among them. And, looking at the results, the money has been well spent.

It is to be hoped that this mission will not languish for lack of support. The people are not yet able to sustain it themselves. This year, again, they have suffered a severe loss in the blighting of their corn, potatoes and buckwheat, by the frost, on the night of 29th August. They have been severely tried; but have not flinched from the profession of their faith. Out of the whole number who came out of Rome with Mr. Chiniquy, not more than two or three families have returned. The priests make a vain boast, when they say the people are coming back. They know they are not. They are, besides, well aware of the serious wound which Popery has received in Illinois, and are now putting forth their utmost efforts by means of Nuns' and Jesuits' schools, to reclaim their lost disciples. But it is too late. The spirit of God is against them, and has savingly enlightened the minds of many of their former votaries.

Mr. Labelle, a young French Canadian who has for several years been preparing for the Ministry in Knox College, Toronto, has been appointed by the Presbytery of London to labour for a time in Kankakee, as assistant to Mr. Chiniquy, and it is hoped that means will be found to send other equally well qualified Missionaries into this interesting field.

I have just received the gratifying intelligence from Mr. Chiniquy that after a four days' trial he has succeeded by a decision of the Court of Law in rescuing his church property from the hands of the Roman Catholic Bishop.

I am, yours,

Montreal, 18th Sept. 1863.

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Missionary Intelligence.

INTELLIGENCE FROM REV. R. JAMIESON.

We have received a letter from Rev. Robert Jamieson, of New Westminster, B. C., dated 4th August. The letter is mainly occupied with business matters. He gives, however, a few particulars with reference to his work in British Columbia. He says:—"My congregation is not very large at present. Last Sabbath I had 32 forenoon, and 23 in the evening,—7 or 8 out in the evening who were absent in the morning, making about 40 different people at the services. Of these eight were women. All the congregations are small at present, but the services are kept up regularly. I wish we had Mr. Duff, of whom Mr. Burns writes, to itinerate in British Columbia. If he goes to Vancouver's Island in place of one from Scotland, it will be of no use to this colony—only as much as one sent to Nova Scotia would be to Canada."

Mr. Jamieson adds that half a million dollars in gold dust had come down the river on the preceding night. The mines promise well for the season.