

We could dispose of many more of these, if we had them, among those who would appreciate them, but whose circumstances prevent them from purchasing.

The Outlook, Past and Future.

Viewing the work as a whole, there is much to encourage. Four of our mission fields pass on to the list of augmented congregations, and one becomes a self-supporting congregation. The desire for Ordained Missionaries is expressed by many who are prevented from asking, only from a sense of their inability, at present, to meet the requirements of the case. These will be heard from in due time.

The tide of prosperity, which is now lavishing our shores, will assuredly be felt in these remoter regions of the province. The lumber and pulp-wood industries are for the present the chief hope of these Northern regions, financially. The former will assuredly revive, while the latter gives promise of development that will astonish those who have not been observing what has been going on quietly in some parts of the country. All this means the advancement of our work, its further development where already established, and the opening of new stations in what are now the waste places of the land.

SOME INTERESTING INCIDENTS.

From the Diary of one of our French Missionaries.

"I began at C— in May, among our people, intending to work there until the roads would be fit for a trip to St. C— some 30 miles north.

A few days before I intended to start a man came to me, saying "I am sent by the people of St. C— to bring you there. They want you to preach the Gospel to them." We started and travelled all night to get there at daybreak.

There I heard complaints made against the clergy. The people wanted a church, but the bishop had divided the parish and joined the parts to the parishes of St. H— and St. C—. He then closed their church and demanded entire submission from them.

For six years the people protested and petitioned for the reopening of their church, and the reconstitution of their parish for its name had been removed from the Canonical Calendar. Finally the authorities granted them a new church, but placed it far from the centre and in a deep valley in the forest.

The majority would not accept the decision and when a Canon came to select the place for the altar he was sent away amid cries and threats. "I never had such

a fight in my life," said the Canon. The church has been built, but largely by the priests themselves.

The people sent delegates to Mons. Merry Del Val, the papal delegate, as well as to the coadjutor Archbishop of Quebec, with- out favorable results.

But during all these years the people have been reading the Gospel which Mr. B. and myself distributed among them five years ago. Twenty-one of the 24 copies, however, had been burnt by the priests. Mr. P. O. saved his and read and explained it to the people. This man died last winter and the Bishop and his friends believed the trouble ended. But the Gospel had been made known by this humble and poor man and that was enough.

Forty men came to my first meeting. I had Bibles and New Testaments and invited them to take each one. Only three did so. The rest were afraid to touch the books because of what the priests had said. Women were alarmed and threatened to use the broom on me. The work was delicate and required caution.

Later on these women having learned something about my preaching through their husbands, became curious to know what sort of a man I was. They marvelled that I was not an infidel and always raving against their priests, and little by little it came to pass that women and their daughters came to the meetings, which were held in the houses of the people.

Then the people wanted to hear other missionaries. The Rev. J. Bourgoin, Principal of the Pointe aux Trembles Schools, came and they were delighted. The Rev. E. Brandt also came and they were glad to see him again. He spent a few weeks and helped us to build our little chapel.

The work is slow, many are old and cannot read, but they mean well and want to know the truth.

At the close of our second meeting, sitting in the middle of the room and listening to my answers to the many questions of the enquirers, one exclaimed, "Oh, it is nice, I'm so glad to hear it. I see the Gospel condemns the bishops. They can't stand against it. We don't want them any more. We thought they could only deceive on earthly things, but now I see it is in religion that they deceive us most."

Mr. G. L., who received us five years ago, had to sell his farm because of persecutions encouraged by the priests. The poor man said to me, "Who will ever know how much I cried and suffered for having received the Lord's missionaries in my house." I am glad to say that, having started again farther in the bush, he is succeeding well.

When we told them that "we are not here to ask you to change your religion, but to study the Gospel with you, and should you have to leave the Church of Rome we