

and plenty of food. We passed no group of towns without entering into friendly relationship."

P.S.—If any reader would like to have a part in restoration we shall be happy to receive and forward donations.

GRANDE LIGNE MISSION.—Rev. A. L. Therrien, of Montreal, gave at the Tabernacle a very interesting and detailed account of God's providential dealing with the Grande Ligne Mission work, and how wonderfully the Lord had wrought among the French Roman Catholics, himself and his father's family being amongst those brought into the Gospel liberty and light by its means. The word of the Lord was the mighty instrumentality used. How important then that men should be sent as ambassadors with the book of mercy. For there are not a few all around to whom the word of the Lord is a sealed book. And the living epistle is needed to be seen, heard and read, ere the quickening word will be received, or searched into.

How to make "Buds" Blossom.

We give the advice gratis, and will take pay in the after fruits, which we hope will be the result of advice given and received.

This magazine is nearing the end of its TENTH year of publication and we would say: Renew! Renew!! Renew!!! Begin now to actively canvass. We shall be happy to send you circulars and specimen copies of BUDS AND BLOSSOMS if you will distribute the same with a kind word. We will be pleased to pay commission if you wish. Sometimes the suggestion has arisen, "why continue this toil when you reap no actual financial reward?" "Because we believe in doing good in all the ways we can, to as many as we can, and as long as ever we can. Knowing labor in the Lord is not in vain, and that the laborer will receive whatsoever is right from the Master's approving hand. The promise of the Lord is with and for them that fear him. My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." We could relate many providential ways in which this has been done in connection with the history of BUDS AND BLOSSOMS.

The aim of this Magazine is to encourage believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, in their daily walk amidst the realities of life. Christian privilege, Christian life, Christian testimony, and Christian work, will be its leading subjects.

Conscious that much good has been done, we plan for continuance and enlargement. Brother give us your prayerful aid. We would say as David of Goliath's sword: "There is none like it." Saul's armour and sword untried, he assayed to use, but the keenness and efficacy of the other he had proven by cutting off the boasting tyrant's head. Who that knows the worth of prayer in faith effort, would rely upon aught save the Lord only?

We are sometimes a little annoyed, if not discouraged, by delinquents who could, if they would, pay for BUDS AND BLOSSOMS and do not. In all honesty we feel if they will not do so, then they ought to be made willing to feel in their purses and hand over what is justly due, and for which full value has and is being given. At the same time the prayer, Lord be merciful to us miserable sinners, would not

be out of place. This does not apply to those who cannot and would if they could, and will as soon as they can. With such we can patiently bear, and if needs be, suffer loss. Will all who can, please try and give us their back subscriptions, in many cases long since past due. Shortly we shall commence to stamp the wrappers which go to such with the words, *past due, please remit*, with the hope it will be an effective reminder, where sending bills and postals are ineffective. To this end PLEASE TAKE NOTICE!

The Editor earnestly invites all who approve the Magazine, or find it a help to them, to make it widely known to others in any of the following ways:—

1. Ordering each month extra copies to give away.
2. Leaving copies on sale at the Booksellers.
3. Contributing to the fund for free circulation.
4. Sending the names and addresses of Christian friends to the Editor, who will send to each a specimen copy, free by post.
5. Circulating in their letters, or otherwise, copies of the prospectus, which may be obtained in any number from the Editor, free of expenses.
6. Personally canvassing for subscribers among their friends.

Ribbon of Blue, or Temperance Notes.

At the last convention our returned missionary brother Churchill, told us he should be ashamed to bring some of his native Christians to this country to let them see the wastefulness of some of our so-called Christians, who both drink and smoke, and say that they are too poor to give anything to Christianize the heathen. But it is evident they can, and do afford to waste in smoking many dollars every year. Is it not a sin and burning shame that so much wealth, often the result of the poor man's honest toil, should go up in useless smoke. The creation of which is too often a poisonous process to the smoker.

Is it not sad to see even children practising this baneful and enslaving habit. A habit not merely wasteful of wealth, but worse, the health and stamina of their physical system, which could be so much better used in the struggle and honest battle of life in this world of sin and sorrow. No man, woman, or child, can afford to waste God-given strength; it was intended for a useful purpose, and energy rightly spent is a blessing unto the user, and the expenditure adds blessing to those around.

Young man don't drink, swear or smoke. First in the list of your getting put the kingdom of God; this is the way of true and eternal gain.

Study Table and Review Notes.

The words of the Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage are always calculated to do good and to arrest the attention. E. B. Treat, publisher, New York, promises a spicy volume this month, entitled: "Shots at Sundry Targets," in which, by the special authorization of DeWitt Talmage, some of the targets shot at, will be, "wrongs to be righted," "follies to be shunned," "dangers to be avoided," "victories to be won." With many others of equal interest and importance.