

it, but I intend reading now and see what is being done." We hope that many of our young friends will find out what a grand field for research and study this mission work is. TRY IT.

WE have to thank our friends for the hearty support the MISSIONARY OUTLOOK has received during the past, and as we try to make each succeeding number surpass the former, we are confident the circulation will continue to increase. New subscribers ordering during November will receive the November and December numbers of this year free. Terms, single copies, 40 cents a year; clubs of eight copies and upwards, 25 cents.

WE take the following extract from a letter from the Rev. Geo. E. Hartwell, B.A., dated Yang-tsz-ling (in the mountains fifty miles from Chen-tu), Aug. 5th, 1892 :

"The cholera is still raging in Chen-tu. One device has been resorted to to stay the disease peculiar to heathenism. According to Chinese ideas, the gods reckon their accounts every New Year's, which usually comes in February. In order to divert the attention of the gods of pestilence, and get them reckoning accounts, the officials have proclaimed that it is now New Year's. All the processions and festivities peculiar to Chinese New Year are now in season. They think in this way to fool the gods, and by having them reckon their accounts withdraw their attention from earthly things. This done, they expect the pestilence to cease. Pray for China that the light of the gospel may soon dispel the dense darkness."

REV. J. C. SIDEY, of Red Bay, Labrador South, writes: "Kindly allow me in your OUTLOOK to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of five dollars as a 'widow's mite' received to-day. This is the first and only subscription that we have received as yet. Doubtless the great fire in St. John's has claimed the first place in the sympathy of the children of our Father in the Provinces; but as it is useless to expect help from our own people in the fallen city, upon whom we largely depended, we trust that our efforts to raise a place of worship in this isolated part will not be entirely forgotten."

THE Editor of the *Woman's Missionary Record* published in Pittsburg, Penn., in asking that the address of the MISSIONARY OUTLOOK be changed, says, "Your paper is one of the best that comes to me as an exchange, and I look for its visits regularly each month."

WE have had much pleasure in receiving from Miss Mary Burt, Springfield, Ohio, a "Mission map of Japan," which has just been published. It is printed on cotton, and can be folded up and put into a very small space. Surrounding the map proper are many interesting facts and figures regarding Japan. We think our Epworth Leagues and Mission Bands could make good use of such a map. Price \$1.35.

Editorial and Contributed.

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THE last report emanating from Oka briefly stated that the mission had not outgrown the difficulties of its position. It still endures the privations forced upon it without a thought of receding from the faith possessed, or of walking by other light than the gospel light furnished to it so long by the Methodist people. With due respect to the advice and counsel of the Stanstead Conference, it weighed the terms offered by the Seminary of Montreal for the surrender of its rights as minors in the Lake Seignior, and through the public press refused acceptance of them. The Indians learning from the letter and spirit of the decree constituting the Seignior that it was obtained in their interests and for them, claim that equally with the Seigniors themselves, and before all others, they have the right to live on and by its land. Their long efforts to have their claims brought into the Privy Council of England being denied, they were constrained to place them openly in the hands of God and His Church. The Church, as the lesser partner, has replied, "we believe the Indians have substantial rights in the Lake Seignior," the higher Partner, the Indians believe, will in due time speak and be heard in righteousness; till then they meet their difficulties patiently.

Through the year now closed, attendance upon the public religious services has been general and steadfast. A few weeks of special labors put forth in the winter served to scatter vain assemblies that were getting bold. In the prayer-meetings, though no English was spoken, save by the minister, it was easy to detect that a spirit of supplication rested upon the people. Some cases of intemperance jarred occasionally the even tenor of our fellowship, but scriptural knowledge is increasing, and with it righteous practice keeps company. Five of our members have fallen by death; among them was Lazare Akaronte, father of the famed late Chief Joseph. The statement frequently made, "our people die well," has no exception here. In exchanging worlds, last hours are so attended with calm peace and confidence in Christ's power to forgive sins as to attract wonder from Indians who still adhere to Rome. One aged widow in the nineties, after giving up the secret worship of the Virgin Mary and the saints has had a wonderful experience of a grand peace she had heard others tell of, but which, until that moment, she had never possessed. Offers of entertainment, provisions, and free quarters in the comfortable home of the nuns, have failed to draw