

example with equal energy and it will be with equal success.

Nearer home there has been a victory on lesser scale, but for anything, thanks. The Evangelical Alliance of St. John N. B. has been working for a better Sabbath law, and some lines of work that have flourished are now illegal.

On the other hand Principal Caven's statement before the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, "The Lord's Day Act is in ruins" tells of reverse in Ontario. An Act that was intended to give some measure of protection to the Sabbath, and to man for whom the Sabbath was made, has been "riddled by the decision of the courts," so interpreted as to allow almost anything on the Sabbath that the Sabbath breaker may wish. The task of putting up fences without holes is before the people and their representatives in Ontario. May they be faithful in it.

"Human nature is full of contradictions." the Czar has asked a conference of the nations to consider disarmament and universal peace, and during the few months between the call and meeting of the conference, which is now in session in Holland, Russia has been more active and aggressive in preparing for war and encroaching on helpless China, than ever before in her history during times of peace. Much of the hope for the world's future, is, under God, not from such sources, but in the attitude and power of the two great Anglo Saxon nations. If they join heart and hand they can keep the world's peace. Still, men often build better than they know, because God is Architect. And the very fact of the world's representatives being gathered in Conference to consider universal peace is an epoch in the world's history, a ray in millennial dawn.

A successful session of the Point
Pt. aux T. aux Trembles mission schools came to a close on Tuesday, 25th April.

During the term, one hundred and seventy pupils, ninety of them children of Roman Catholic parents, have been in attendance. Twenty-six have united with the Church on profession of faith, and at the communion service, on the Sabbath before closing, seventy sat down at the Lord's table. These figures alone shew admirable work done.

An additional feature of great importance is that these young people from different parts of the Province of Quebec, become more or less leaders, in virtue of their better education, in the different settlements where they may live, and thus help their countrymen up to more of light and liberty.

Many good friends of French Evangelization have been in the habit, during the past years, of sending their gifts to Rev. Dr. Chiniquy. Everything in the way of French Mission work that he represented, except of course his own fervid and forceful eloquence, has been transferred since his death to the Board of French Evangelization of our own church, and all givers that used to send to him for "The Chiniquy Mission" can continue their good work by sending these same gifts to Rev. Dr. Warden, Toronto, the Treasurer of our French Board.

The Pope has granted an indulgence for the reading of the Scriptures. The Brief of the Pope, granting the indulgence, is given in the Catholic Times as follows:—

His Holiness Leo XIII., at an audience on December 13th, 1898, with the Prefect of the Congregation of Indulgences and Relics, made known that he grants to all the faithful who shall have devoutly read the Scriptures for at least a quarter of an hour, an indulgence of three hundred days, to be gained once a day, provided that the edition of the Gospel has been approved by legitimate authority.

Furthermore, the Sovereign Pontiff grants monthly a plenary indulgence to all those who shall have read in this way—*fait cette lecture*—every day of the month when, after Confession and Communion, those who have fulfilled the conditions shall have offered up the customary prayers for the intentions of the Holy See.

Given at Rome on the 13th December, 1898.

For any approach to Bible reading by the people, all lovers of liberty and truth will be thankful, but two thoughts are naturally suggested:

1. What is the value of liberty to read the Bible "provided the edition of the Gospel has been approved by legitimate authority"? It refuses to allow God to speak directly to the people without the intervention of the Church. God's simple message is not allowed, until it passes man's censorship. From such facts as the recent burning of a Bible, reported by a French missionary in Montreal, and the claim of Rome to be always and everywhere the same, one wonders what kind of Gospel will be "approved by legitimate authority."

2. Even after the Gospels are supplemented to meet the "approval of legitimate authority," instead of going to them, drawn by love, as a child to a Father's letters, to get direction and help and comfort, the "faithful" are taught to look upon reading it as a penance, for which indulgence will be given. What a view of our Father and His Message of Good News!