

PRAYER CARD STUDY.

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS.—*Psalm xlv; Ephesians iii. 14-21.*

SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.

FEBRUARY.

For the French work. (1) The Committee of Management, (2) the teachers and pupils, (3) the Roman Catholic Church in Canada and elsewhere, that the light of God's Word may penetrate her darkest recesses and purge away her errors. *John i. 4; John iii. 36.*

It is not generally known that among the earliest French Colonists who came to settle in this country over two centuries ago, were several Huguenot families, but that these by cruel and persistent persecution were driven out. Had they been suffered to remain, there is no doubt but that the proportion of French Protestants to Roman Catholics to-day in the Province of Quebec would be far larger than the census returns of one to one hundred.

Two leading French newspapers recently put "under the ban" by the Archbishop of Montreal, and the controversy resulting therefrom, have indicated the fact that a breach is widening between the more educated adherents of the Church of Rome and the hierarchy.

In the United States we see prominent ecclesiastics of the Church of Rome so opposed to each other that papal interference has to be sought to reconcile the belligerents.

Who can tell but what even now there is being educated in some of our mission schools the Luther who shall, in this land, be a leader among the people and free them from the bondage of the Vatican.

Now is the time for the united Church of God to "look forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

Fifty years of seed-sowing in the Province of Quebec have not been in vain—already some fruit is seen. The estimated number of French-Canadian Protestants in Canada and the United States is to-day put at from 40,000 to 50,000.