

PRAYER CARD LEAFLET.

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS.—*Isa. liv. 1-17; Acts xii. 1-12.*

While we vigorously support our work in Japan and "enlarge our borders" so as to reach far-distant China, we must not slacken our efforts for those who, at our very doors, are in deepest darkness, and who are a very serious factor in our political life.

The position of Protestants in the Province of Quebec and already in Eastern Ontario, is this, that if we do not convert the Romanists they will soon outnumber and outvote us and drive us out of the country.

In the Province of Quebec there are not far from a million and a quarter of French Roman Catholics. A gentleman, himself an honored worker in the Baptist Church, remembers the time, fifty years ago, when there was not one French Canadian convert, and the priests said there never would be one.

How time has falsified that prophecy! It is estimated that there are in Canada to-day 10,000 converted French Canadians, and in the United States, where many have been driven by persecution from their Canadian homes on account of embracing the Gospel, 20,000. What hath God wrought?

In the Province of Quebec where the French have held more tenaciously to their old customs and idioms of language than in France, the papal religion is more firmly entrenched than in any other country.

In France, while amongst a population of 30,000,000 there are but 700,000 Protestants, yet the influence of the latter is quite out of proportion to their numbers. In science, literature and the highest social positions they are largely found, and several of the great Ministers of State belong to the Reformed faith.

Within the last ten years a new spirit, called by them *l'esprit nouveau*, is being felt all through the nation. The old spirit of contempt for religion has given place to a more thoughtful feeling, which is noticed and even approved by the public press.

Everywhere the outlook, especially when we take the promises of God and the power of the Holy Spirit into account, is full of hope. Is it not written, "Call upon me and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not?" and again, "Concerning the work of My hand, command ye Me."

Our fellow-workers in the field of French Evangelization are:—
(1) The Episcopal Church with its Sabrovois College in Montreal, on which they expend \$10,000 per annum; (2) the Baptist Church, with its long established and very successful work at Grande Ligne, expended last year \$14,800; (3) the Presbyterian Church, employing seventy-two workers, supporting Coligny College at