

grieved God's spirit. You should seek divine assistance to help you to bear those little annoyances ; but it is a consolation given us in the scriptures that if any man sin, he has an advocate with the Father even Christ Jesus. I cannot believe that doctrine, she said ; I do not believe that we may sin and then come to Christ and expect forgiveness. Neither do I intend to teach such a doctrine, I said ; you must not trespass upon the willingness of Christ to forgive sin, by wilfully sinning and grieving his spirit ; but when a person is trying to forsake sin and has in an unguarded moment done wrong, and is afterwards sorry for it, God is always willing to forgive, if he come confessing his faults and seeking grace to help him in the future to avoid such sins.

Another case.

OCTOBER 8th.—I read a part of the eighteenth chapter of Luke to Mrs. — : she seemed to be very much interested. I tried to impress upon her the importance of prayer and the necessity of coming to Christ, as the poor publican, having a deep sense of her own sinfulness. I asked her if she ever knelt down with her little children around her, and asked Christ to lay his hands on them and bless them ? if she heard that he were now in Montreal, in person, would she not be very anxious to bring her children to him ; would you not be glad to have an opportunity of telling him all your trials and difficulties, asking him to help you ? and though you cannot see him, yet he is always near, and can bless you and yours, if you will only come to him. While I spoke she wept and said the more you read the more I know. She promised me to kneel down with her children and ask God's blessing upon them.

OCTOBER 25th.—Called again upon Mrs. —, and read the 6th ch. of Matt. ; after I finished she remarked, " I wish I could read ; is it not a pity ? I would be glad if you would come often ; it is so good when you read."

CONCLUSION.

The Committee cannot but keenly feel that there is much disappointment in many parts of the Diocese, because of the contraction of the Society's operations instead of expansion ; they deeply regret it, and feel, that at this time last year, they were warranted in expressing the hope, that many destitute and deserving claims would be met ;—they do not now despair. They still believe that the British people will never permit such a cry to go up against them, as that their sons and daughters come to Canada to lose their language and their religion, because the overburdened Church and clergy in this land, cannot provide for