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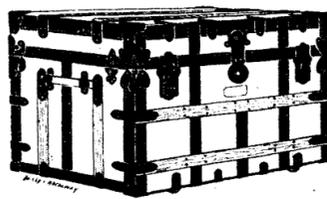
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**A MISSIONARY FROM JAPAN**

Rev. Claudius Ferrand, a member of the Societe des Missions Etrangeres, and a Missionary Apostolic who has labored sixteen years in Japan and fully intends to spend the rest of his life there arrived here last week on a begging tour in the interest of the Japanese Young Men's Catholic association, of which he is the diocesan director in Tokyo.

On Sunday last in the Cathedral of St. Boniface Father Ferrand preached a most interesting sermon on the evangelization of Japan. He related the discovery of 35,000 Catholics who had remained faithful to Catholic doctrine and practices during 230 years of persecution and ostracism, although they had no priests to instruct them. After the sermon he took up a collection of seventy-two dollars.

In the evening of the same day Father Ferrand delivered an illustrated lecture on the Japanese people, their customs and idolatrous devotions, and afterwards spoke at considerable length on the Catholic missionary work in that vast field. He was introduced by Father Blain, S.J., and the large audience repeatedly broke into applause. There was no entrance fee, but the collection brought in fifty-five dollars. During an intermission between Pagan and Christian Japan, Mr. William Maurice Miles, a violoncellist lately came from London, England, played a selection which took so well that he was recalled for another with equal success. The lecture was full of curious and little known details which would prove of great interest to a Winnipeg audience if a hall could be secured for this purpose. We shall give an abstract of Father Ferrand's remarks in a subsequent issue.

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"Alas! I cannot find it," he said.

"Cannot find what?"

"The answer to this problem."

"You bet you can't."

"Why not?"

"Because there is no answer to it."

"But I found it in the paper."

"Well, the editor will have to answer for the paper, but nobody will answer the problem. And why do you waste what ought to be gray matter on it? Honestly, now, do you care a whoop whether the dog trees the coon or not?"

"No, but—well, you see—"

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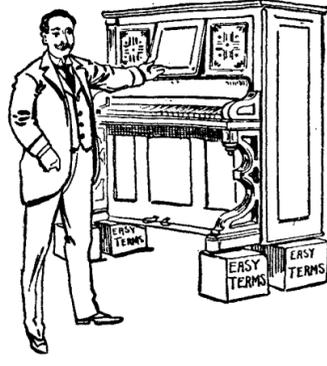
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