

has triumphed. Now however French greed and wrong threaten to bar its progress. But here too is a mightier than France, and He will care for His own church.

There are rumors also to the effect that the New Hebrides are to be handed over to France as penal colonies, and that Britain will give her assent. To this however the Australians strongly object as they do not wish the refuse of France dumped so near them. They have notified Britain that if she assents to such a scheme she will alienate her colonies in the South Seas, and this will it is hoped have the effect of preventing a proposal so fraught with evil to our missions.

Since writing the above word has come that the French are abandoning Kelung in order to concentrate their power on Tonquin so that Formosa will be once more clear for Dr. McKay and his companions to resume their work.

AUGMENTATION OR SUPPLEMENT.

The good work still goes forward. The cordiality and heartiness with which the people have entered into the work is most cheering.

Rev. George Bruce writes to the St. John Sun

At the commencement of this effort a year ago, it would have required at least \$3,400 to bring up the salaries of ministers in supplemented charges in the Presbytery to \$750 and a manse. In 1883 the Presbytery contributed to the supplemental fund \$344.

The result of the appeal has been that—

First, Fifteen supplemented congregations raised the salaries of their ministers by an aggregate of \$1,700, or an average of nearly \$127 each. Besides this, when the appeal was made for the \$1,900 direct contribution to the fund, eleven congregations, some of them among those already mentioned, contributed \$650, or an average of over \$55 each.

This does not include the city churches of St. John. When these and others which have yet to report have made their

contributions, the presbytery will have contributed to this object during the year, the sum of \$3,600 or over one dollar per member, and \$200 over the whole amount required in the presbytery. I thank you for the opportunity to make these facts known for the information and courage of the church, and all interested in the work. The response by supplemented congregations is, I think, not surpassed, if indeed it is equalled, by those of any other presbytery. And I am sure the cordial recognition of the presbytery and the committee will be accorded to them for their generous and liberal response.

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St. John, Dec. 31st, 1884

In Pictou Presbytery, all but four congregations have paid their allotments, and in these four the work is in a state more or less forward. The sums appear in the report of Presbytery on another page.

Moncton was allotted \$100, and has paid \$103. Harbor Grace, New Foundland, allotted \$100. Almost doubtful as to the result, a collection was taken, and over \$100 raised.

In nearly all of the congregations of our church the work is being entered upon and carried forward with zeal and diligence, and success.

A paper called Truth has been sending its circulars, and advertisements far and wide, offering large prizes for answering simple Bible questions. Satan quoted Scripture when tempting Christ. He likes to use the Bible yet to further his ends. The system of prize giving above referred to is nothing but a grand lottery. It is gambling pure and simple. If the questions were difficult, requiring great research, and the prizes were given as a reward for work it would be different. The fact is that any child at all acquainted with the Bible can answer most of the questions with scarce a thought. The prize depends upon the place in the long list of subscribers in which any particular answer may come. Sometimes a certain number who are first, get it in that case those living near have the best opportunity. In other cases a date is fixed when it is to close and the few who come in last before the time expires get the prize. Here people try to be as near the end as possible so as not to miss it altogether, it is pure chance. Yet again sometimes prizes are offered to a certain number who shall come in the