

Christianity bids us give this people who are possessed of many admirable natural qualities, the best gift we possess, which is the Gospel of the kingdom. Enlightened by the gospel they are capable of contributing their quota—a most valuable one—to the intellectual, the moral and spiritual outfit of the Dominion : for it is a gross mistake, an offence against good taste and good citizenship, to depreciate them or their language. But left in darkness, under the yoke of a grasping ecclesiasticism, which very many of them feel to be bitterly oppressive, they can only exert an influence detrimental to the unity, the progress and freedom of the nation. And who is to blame? Not those who were born in darkness, but those who refuse or neglect to give them light. If we decline to repel and remove anti-scriptural errors they will certainly encroach upon our boarders and enter our homes and our churches. This is the testimony of all history and of common sense.

3. *Will you answer objections to French Evangelization?*

Certainly, but it is one thing to shatter a man's arguments and expose the weakness of his position, and quite another to fill him with the spirit of truth and make him an enthusiastic gospel worker. We can do the former, but the Spirit of God alone can do the latter.

*Objection 1st.* French evangelization is a form of proselytism. *Answer.* So are Foreign Missions. They are a deliberate and determined effort to turn intelligent and often highly educated men away from Confucianism, Buddhism, Mohammedanism, etc. I have found those who offer this first objection sometimes very zealous in their advocacy of such missions. They are forward in making speeches and writing in favour of them. This is all right. These things they ought to do and not leave the other undone. We only ask them to be consistent, and then they will answer their own objection either by abandoning foreign missions or honestly aiding French Evangelization.

One word more in this connection. We are not terrified or abashed by the application to our work of the big and ugly term proselytism. It is easy to hurl bad names at people's heads. This is an old favorite method with certain controversialists of which Jesus warns us when he says that if they call the Master Beelzebub they are certain to have no milder names for his servants. If proselytism means pressing the saving truth of God upon the hearts and consciences of those who know it not then we plead guilty. But