

TWO MISSIONARY BISHOPS:

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No intelligent Canadian can fail to have a lively interest in missionary work in the islands of the Pacific. India, Burmah, China, Japan, and Melanesia are the only portions of heathendom outside of our Dominion where Canadian Protestant Churches have conducted missionary operations. In the last of these, in the New Hebrides,

our Presbyterian brethren have had the highest honour the Church militant can enjoy, that of furnishing martyrs for Christ. The Presbyterian Church of Canada can proudly point to its fields of toil in Oceanica, where, notwithstanding persistent French and Jesuit intrigue, it has a most flourishing work in which two missionaries and their wives reached their martyr-crowns through martyr agonies. With similar feelings Methodists the world over regard Fiji and the Friendly Islands, where Wesleyan missionaries have sealed their testimony with their blood, leaving one of the grandest monuments of Christian faith and Christian heroism in nations raised from most degrading savagery to intelligence, peace, and Christian civilization.

The spirit of martyrdom did not end with the early Christians. There live this moment men of God, brave and holy,