

The influence of the United States Government as well as that of Japan, is at present opposed to missionary work in the country; but it is hoped that when the treaty between the two powers is revised next year, liberty shall be secured. But even without legal permission to work, the missionaries have made some progress in Japan. The work of translating the Bible into the Japanese language is advancing. What makes Christianity so hateful to the ruling class in the country is that their government is a sort of Theocracy, the Emperor having all power earthly and supernal.

It is inexpressibly melancholy to think that the many millions of these two great countries, China and Japan, not only do not desire a knowledge of the Gospel, but positively hate Christianity and its representatives. How much scope there is for prayer and effort that God's Kingdom may come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven!

(For the Record.)

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REV. P. G. MCGREGOR—

My Dear Brother in Christ,—I have just received your kind letter of the 21st April, with the cheque of \$100 to help us to rebuild. When it arrived, the carpenter, to whom I owed still \$400, was in my room, distressing me by his lamentations on account of the delay of his pay, for he was much in want. You may imagine my gratitude to God, and to you and all my kind friends of Nova Scotia for coming to our help in such hour of need. We fell on our knees to thank our merciful heavenly Father and to ask him to pour His most abundant blessings upon you and upon that noble land of Nova Scotia which the Lord has so evidently chosen to be the instrument of His mercies towards us. This Providential circumstance is one among a thousand others which prove to us that we have a Father in heaven who hears our humble prayers and takes care of us. We have put our trust in Him for this work; and though He evidently likes to try our faith, He never fails from coming to our help in the hour of need. May His name be for ever blessed for His mercies; may His children who consent to be the instruments of His mercies be for ever blessed also.

I have lately received from California a letter which has filled me with joy. It was written in the name of 50 French Canadian Roman Catholics who had emigrated to that distant land some years ago. They tell me that they condemned me very severely when they heard of my leaving the Church of Rome with my people. But they say that they have lately read some of the reasons we had given for our change, and that now not only they approve our conduct, but that they are all determined to give up the errors of Popery to follow the Gospel of Christ.

Three weeks ago, a very respectable and intelligent Roman Catholic widow, the mother of seven children, accepted the saving light of the Gospel, left the errors of Rome and gave herself to Christ with an earnestness and a joy which drew my tears of gratitude to God. I hope her children will soon follow her.

Last week a Canadian arrived here after having travelled 900 miles to reach this place. In shaking hands with me, he said—"I have read a small book written by you, which has convinced me of the errors of the Church of Rome. I want to know the Gospel and follow it, and I have travelled 900 miles to get that knowledge from you. There are only Roman Catholics where I was; it was very difficult, if not impossible there, to know the truth and get out of the errors of the Church of Rome. But here, I hope, it will be a very easy thing, by the grace of God."

It is so that, in the midst of the terrible tribulation through which it pleases the Lord to make me pass, He constantly fills our hearts with joy, by the grand spectacle of those admirable conversions. I ask you and all our friends of Nova Scotia to help me to bless the good Master for having chosen such a poor instrument of His mercies towards the French Canadian people.

What a pity if these missions, which are so blessed by the God of the Gospel, would be given up for want of support on the part of the disciples of that same Gospel. No mission field on this continent can show such an evangelical work in so short a time among the Roman Catholics; and then, no field ought to be more precious to the children of light. The noble gifts sent from Nova Scotia to support the Gospel cause here are a sure indication that it is the will of God that the glorious banners of the Gospel should continue here to triumph over His implacable enemy, the Man of Sin. As long as there will be a disciple of Christ here, the name of Nova Scotia will be blessed; and who knows if from this place will not start the Apostles who will give the Gospel to the Acadians whom you have to evangelize? Several of our dear