

## World of Missions.

For Dominion Presbyterian.

### A Plea For French Evangelization.

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"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" - St. John 12:32.

The attractive power of the Crucified One is the theme of these words, rather than the attractive power of the cross. Christ makes Himself and not any person, institution, or thing connected with Him the prominent object of the gospel. The French Roman Catholic is taught to regard other persons and other things to such a degree that Christ, the personal Saviour is dethroned and dishonored. The worshipper is not directed to Christ and consequently is not drawn to Him in a saving way.

I. Christ is displaced by his mother and by saints. More prayers are offered to her and to them than are offered to Him. Multitudes of miraculous cures are attributed to saints, especially to Saint Anne and to Saint Anthony in the province of Quebec and none are attributed to Christ.

II. The people are taught to depend for salvation on penances, and on masses for the living and especially for the dead.

III. The Sacraments are put in place of Christ. By the Sacrament of Baptism, they believe, the child is regenerated or made a child of God. In many districts, as soon as possible after the birth of the child it is hurried to the church, even in the coldest day of winter, that it may receive this saving ordinance. The day on which a young boy or girl receives the first communion is a "high" day for the church and for the child. The children are attired in the best garments they can afford, receive congratulations and gifts, but Christ is not magnified nor glorified; the Sacrament is dependence is placed on it, not on Him.

When a Catholic is supposed to be dying, the priest is hastily called and hurries to consecrate the wafer which becomes "Le Bon Dieu," or The Good God. He carries it with great care to the dying man while a bell is rung before him to warn all of his approach. As soon as that bell is heard the hearers in their houses run to the door and kneel down; those on the streets through which the priest passes kneel by the roadside and uncover their heads in adoration. When the sick man is reached if he is evidently dying, he receives after Absolution the "Bon Dieu" or consecrated wafer; in other words he is led to believe that this last rite in some way saves him or qualifies him to die in hope and peace. Christ is displaced by an ordinance or a ceremony, and the poor soul is deceived.

Roman Catholicism is a Christ-destroying and a soul-destroying system. This being only too true, what a plea for prosecuting the work of French Evangelization with zeal, energy, and prudence!

If we wish Christ Jesus to enjoy His rightful place in the thought and affection of French Canadian Catholics, we must give them His gospel, which is Himself, and so save them.

### The Generosity of a Parsee.

The Parsee community - a small body living mostly in and near Bombay is incomparably the most elevated and progressive among the people of India. They are intelligent, moral, enterprising, and public-spirited. One of their number, a Mr. Tata, was recently stirred by the princely generosity of American millionaires, more especially by that of the founder of Johns Hopkins University, and decided to devote one million dollars of his fortune towards establishing a teaching university for India. All the existing universities of this land are merely examining, degree conferring institutions. Around these few universities are clustered, in the province, a goodly number of affiliated colleges, which, with varying efficiency or inefficiency prepare aspirants for university degrees. Mr. Tata's object, therefore, is as unexampled as his munificence is unprecedented in this land. His desire is to take Johns

Hopkins University as his model, and thus to create a first-class institution which will furnish a thorough post graduate of course study and thereby supply one of the great needs of the country. This is another illustration of the quiet working of American influence and example in the Orient. It is likely that the university will be established at Bangalore, in the Mysore province, since the enlightened prime minister of that state has offered to devote the income of \$200,000 of state funds to the institution if it is placed there. This may be called the first large offering made directly by a native of India, not a Hindu, to the cause of higher education and culture. The Missionary Review.

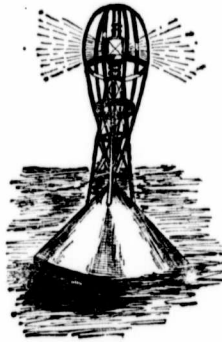
### Attending a Patient Under Difficulties.

The London Times gives an amusing illustration of the difficulties under which a native Chinese physician recently attended His Majesty, the Emperor of China. When he entered the royal apartment, he was required to keep his eyes fixed on the floor and to ask his Majesty no questions, which would have been a breach of etiquette. He was only permitted to place one hand on the Emperor's wrist not to feel his pulse, however. As the

physician remarks, "Under these conditions one doctor is as good as another"; and after a second such interview, in which it was impossible to diagnose the case, the attending physician begged to be relieved from duty on the plea of illness in his family. - The Missionary.

### Zionism at Basel.

Among other great movements we must reckon the third of the Zionists' conferences, held in Basel in August last, its primary object being, as declared in the inaugural of President Herzl, to acquire from the Turkish government a charter to establish settlements in the Holy Land. Dr. Herzl, who was received in special audience by the German emperor during the latter's visit to Jerusalem, has received from the sultan a decoration of the order of Medjidie, and Zionism seems to be compelling recognition as something more than a dream. The numbers of shareholders in the Jewish Colonial Trust at London now exceeds 100,000, and they live in all parts of the world. A score of years ago there were only 14,000 Jews in Palestine, now they number one-fifth of the total population of 200,000. - The Missionary Review.



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