

French Evangelization.

We hear a great deal about French Evangelization, or, in other words, those mighty efforts made by a section of the non-Catholic world to bring the French-Canadian to a knowledge of the Gospel.

Recently the Daily Witness published a report, read before the Presbyterian General Assembly, in which a great deal is said about the work among French-Canadians.

A stranger to Canada reading these statements might logically come to the conclusion that the French-Canadians were a very enlightened race of people, semi-barbarous, poor, ignorant savages, men who never heard of Christianity, being plunged in the depths of infidelity.

Particularly so when we read in the report this extraordinary sentence: "Why is there not the same enthusiasm shown by men and women offering themselves for the French work in Quebec as they do in offering for China and India? There is so much superstition and ignorance of Christ in that Province as can be found among any of the heathens."

Now, this is all very refreshing. The gentleman who originated such a report, and the gentleman who listened approvingly to it, must have formed a very poor estimate of the intelligence of those whom it is expected to influence. We admit that it is not a bad plan to secure funds for a work.

If there were a few more estates like that of the late J. G. How to furnish \$50,000 to the great work of saving the heathens of this Province, the business would certainly pay. We had always considered that a conciliatory tone was the most truly Christian to assume in the great work of evangelization; but we fail to see how the French-Canadians of Quebec are to be drawn from their idolatry, or any other "ism," by being told that they are as ignorant as the heathens of China or India.

tural domain, and every other section, with names that are ineffaceable on the page of our national progress. We find them in art, painting and sculpture, architecture and design—in music, poetry, history, science, in all the refining, elevating, ennobling branches of human acquirement, challenging the admiration of Canada and the respect of Europe.

According to that report, the population of French origin in the Dominion is about 1,415,000. Not a bad percentage, we think of remarkable men, considering that they are no better than heathen Chinese or Indians. Can the whole non-Catholic population of Canada present the third of such a list.

Canada's Topography and Geography Menaced.

We learn on the high authority of the New York Star that the War Department of the United States is about to make a third attempt to learn something of the topographical and geographical situation in Canada with a view of preparing to meet certain situations which may be presented should Great Britain attempt to invade the United States from the Canadian frontier.

It seems that three months ago the Secretary for War told an officer to come up here and study our topography and geography, but he told his wife, his wife told her father, a garrulous old admiral, and he told everybody else, so the officer had to be called out. Later a second detail was made, a bachelor probably, but his friends got hold of the secret, and saved him from being hanged as a spy by publicly mentioning the fact that he had been selected for this dishonorable and dangerous mission.

Now the S. W. has discovered a third candidate for a Canadian gallows, who will travel incognito, and who "it is believed" will reach Canada without the intent of his visit being known. If the unfortunate man should be arrested on Canadian soil with some of our topography in his pocket, a terrible fate awaits him. The War Department has done its best, according to American ideas, to protect its emissary. It has evidently selected a man without father-in-law or mother-in-law (probably took him out of an orphan asylum), and it has told the New York Star. What more could it do to guard its secrets? It behooves the Canadian authorities now to keep a keen lookout. If they see a man prowling around St. Helen's Island with a Guy Fawkes mask on, with a Kodak under his arm, with two pistols in each hand, and a dagger in the other, they must at once arrest him and take every precaution to prevent his telegraphing Mr. Dana for an alibi.

Strange that all these years our Yankee friends have been coming and going with the utmost freedom, and we never so much as suspected them of designs on our topography and geography. And so think that the U. S. War Department could get meagre Canadian topography and geography in a twenty-five cent book that it will ever want! The lay of the land is just the same as ever; just the same as when our friends came to Queenstown Heights and found the topography inconvenient. Just the same as when they paid that flying visit to Chateaugay and found the geography uncongenial. Our fortifications are few and far between. But our orphan-bachelor friend will find quite a lot of healthy Canadians actively engaged in minding their own peaceful business, some of whom, however, can shoot straight if necessary. These are the walls of Canada, and every man is a brick.—Montreal Star.

Traveller: The houses in some of the ancient cities had walls ten feet thick. Mr. Brickwork enviously: I presume some of the neighbors were musical.

"The Collegium," published at St. Dunstan's College, Charlottetown, tells this wicked story:— "T. Well, Dan, in what year was the war of 1812?" Dan.—(quickly)—In 1818.

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