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At Dillon's Bay, Erromanga, one of the Stations of Rev. H. A. Robertson, a collection was taken last year for our Foreign Mission Fund amounting to *forty-six* dollars. Surely the example of these poor people, so lately heathen, whose deep poverty so abounds unto the riches of their liberality *should* stimulate our congregations at home to do more for that work for which Christ gave His life, the redemption of the world.

While agitating in all lawful ways to secure civil and religious freedom and equality in its fullest widest sense in our Dominion, and watching against the insidious encroachments of the Jesuits and those whose servants they are, against that freedom, there is one line of work that must not be forgotten, that is sure of success in proportion to the measure of effort put forth, and that is, giving the gospel to our French fellow country-men.

In many parts and in many ways the Word of God is being distributed throughout the world. One of the most recent is in Italy. A private publisher in Milan is publishing the Scriptures in weekly parts after the manner of "*Picturesque Canada*." It is said that the circulation has reached ninety thousand weekly. Another has prepared an illustrated Life of Jesus, and is publishing it in weekly parts with a circulation of twenty thousand. To them that sat so long in the region and shadow of death, light is springing up.

A steamer from Sydney, Australia, calls monthly at two of the mission stations in the New Hebrides, viz. Anelcauhat, Aneityum, where Dr. Geddie was settled, and at Havanna Harbor, Efate. While this is not of much service to many of the missionaries, yet it brings the whole group more into touch with the pulse throeb of civilized life, and by the development of commerce will do much towards rendering more permanent the work of the missionaries and making possible a self supporting native Church on the islands.

A statement has appeared in several papers to the effect that the Board of French Evangelization has received almost the entire amount required for the purchase of the Ladies College at Ottawa. This is, unfortunately, altogether wrong. Of the \$22,000 needed, only some \$300 have thus far been got. It is earnestly recommended to Ministers that they make a brief statement of the case to their congregations on Sabbath next and offer to receive and forward to Dr. Warden any contributions handed to them towards the \$22,000 which has to be paid for the property on the first of July next.

The progress of Christianity in Japan has been very remarkable but that very progress has called forth all the more bitter and determined opposition. The *Montreal Witness* says that "The oppositions to Christianity in Japan has just manifested itself by the formation of an Association, the object of which is to maintain Buddhism, especially in view of its political character in the empire. The plea for the organization is that it is necessary in order to maintain the honor and reverence due to the Mikado. In their prospectus the members pledge themselves, in the selection of representatives in Parliament, provincial assemblies, town councils, or local offices, and in the appointment of school-teachers, officials of societies