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Let us in the first place take a succinct view of what the Presby-
terian Church in Canada is doing in the work of foreign missions, and
by way of prefatory remark we may say that the Zion in which our
lot is cast, and by whose river we walk and in whose green pastures
we find great delight, stands to-day in the front rank, among the
Churches of the living God of every name and creed, in the glorious
and immortal work of making known Him "whose Name is above
every name," and in the sure word of prophecy will "have the heathen
for his inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for His posses-
sion." Her ministers are true and faithful to their Lord and Master—
they are "watchmen upon the walls of Zion." As British soldiers and
British sailors manned the trenches at Sebastapool with dauntless
courage and bravery, so our ministers and elders are men of faith and
courage in Christ's cause—they man our Church's tower and "mark
her bulwarks well."

According to the minutes of Assembly (1890) our Church has five
distinct foreign fields in various parts of the globe, viz., the New
Hebrides, Trinidad, the Indians of the North-West, China, and Central
India.

The New Hebrides are a group of islands in the South Pacific.
The most celebrated among them, from a missionary standpoint, are
Eromanga, where John Williams fell in 1839, under the murderous
club of the savage, thus winning the martyr's crown; and some years
later the Gordon brothers from Nova Scotia, on the same island, were
shamefully betrayed and murdered, in cold blood, while actively
engaged in the Master's service; Aneityum, where the consecrated
John Geddie went from his Prince Edward Island manse, with its
joys and comforts, its civilization and refinement, to enter upon his
dreary labours for twenty-four long years, on this one of the darkest
and most benighted spots on the earth's surface. His work, notwith-
standing the most crushing discouragements, was so eminently success-
ful in the end, that he Christianized the whole island, leaving behind
not a wreck of the ancient barbarism. His mission is one of the most
successful and celebrated of modern times. Behind his church at
Anelcauhat is the inscription, written in Aneitemuese, "When he
landed in 1848 there were no Christians here, and when he left in 1872
there were no heathens." Surely a very honourable and praiseworthy
testimony to the labours of this most devoted missionary of the Cross.
The work of our Church in the New Hebrides is being bravely and
faithfully carried on by the Rev. H. A. Robertson at Eromanga, Rev.
G. W. Mackenzie at Efate, and Rev. G. Annand, M.A. at Santo
(Tangoa). During the past year these devoted brethren have had many
trials and discouragements, both in their families and work, yet they
keep on manfully sowing the good seed, and holding up the banner of
Christ's kingdom. Last year (1889) was the jubilee of missionary
effort in the Hebrides. John Williams, who, as stated above, came in
1839, was "the pioneer apostle of Polynesia." Since then the work
has made wonderful progress, and is full of thrilling interest, and
every Church that has helped forward the mission has been highly
honoured by its connection therewith. "The whole of Aneityum has