

The Work has its Problems

Should not these funds be employed in more fruitful efforts somewhere else?

The question would be answered instantly in favor of discontinuance if these external facts which have been mentioned—the numbers of missions and missionaries, and communicants and dollars—were the only facts in the case but they are not.

1. Other Protestant churches engaged in the work of French evangelization have over and over and anxiously considered this same question, for they have had the same difficulties and discouragements. The Church of England and the



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Baptist Church have both narrowed considerably their spheres of operation. They also have failed comparatively in evangelization, and are confining themselves practically to education. The Presbyterians are doing much more than any other church, simply because they employ more laborers and spend much more money. They also are bending their efforts chiefly to increase the usefulness of their educational institutions. In the work of evangelization they are doing just what we are, namely, holding their own, barely that. So far as I have