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The following letter was read at the last meeting of the Foreign Mission Committee:

"Would the F. M. C. allow me the privilege of paying Mr. Annand's salary in Santo for the next twelve months, if so let me know how much it is and I will try and send the money to the Agent, Mr. Morrison. Don't let my name be known—the Lord knows it."

We do not think that it will be considered a breach of the above charge to say that the donor is one of the Ministers of our Church in receipt of a minimum salary. His generous deed should stimulate us all to do more for Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

Whatever the church in Canada may think of handing over their work in the South Seas, to churches in that hemisphere, it is evident from the proposals of the Federal Assembly, as given in the letter of Rev. J. W. Mackenzie on another page, that the Australasian churches themselves have such a step in contemplation.

Rev. D. J. Macdonnell made a very good point in Assembly in speaking on the Augmentation Scheme for which he has done so much in the West. Referring to the objection sometimes made against the scheme, that a minister can live on less than the minimum salary, of \$750 and a manse, he said: "Certainly he can. I could live on \$250 if necessary. A man can cut his coat according to the cloth. But the question is should he be asked to do it. If the church as a whole were weak, its ministers would be entitled to share in its poverty; when the church as a whole is strong and wealthy, then \$750 and a manse is not to much too aim at as a minimum for all its ministers."

The good results that may flow to Christian missions in China from the new mission to the Chinese in British Columbia, may be seen from what has already been done by Chinese Christians returning home from the United States. The *Church at Home and Abroad*, speaking of the work of the Presbyterian Church of the United States among the Chinese in California says.

"Perhaps the most interesting feature of the work is the help that it gives to our mission in southern China. Nearly all the Chinese in this country come from four districts of the Canton province. Eighteen years ago there was not a Christian chapel or school in all that region. Now there are few places in these districts where there is not a mission chapel within fifteen miles, a distance the Chinese easily walk. Of these chapels, the Presbyterian mission has six. Every one of these six locations was obtained by the help of Christians returned from California. Of the thirteen native assistants who have labored at these stations, six were converted in California, one in Australia, and one received his first serious impressions and religious instruction from a member of the Chinese church in California, on the steamer