

There is one question of importance which the Board would like to bring before the Synod, namely, whether or not we shall as a Diocese unite and concentrate all our missionary efforts upon our own Mission in Algoma. This Missionary Diocese, within our own Dominion, and planted by the Church of Canada with the laudable object of christianizing and civilizing that race of people which our advancing civilization is rapidly exterminating,—this Missionary Diocese has certainly the greatest possible claims upon us. In these Maritime Provinces no successful efforts were ever made to bring the Aborigines into the bosom of our Church, and now that the race is rapidly passing away, the Church cannot claim even one remnant as her child!

The past we cannot recall, but in Algoma we have a future opened for us by God to redeem the past. May God open our hearts to feel our great responsibility and improve the occasion now before us!

There is however a difficulty about this subject, which is necessary for the Synod to remove if possible.

On one hand is *our own* Missionary Diocese, Algoma, and we need your help, and it would seem very *unnatural* for us to rely on the other hand we owe a great debt of gratitude to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and would like our offerings for Missionary work to pass through (for the present) the hands of that venerable Society; but as Algoma is among the Missions assisted by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, these things are incompatible, and therefore for the year our offerings have been divided, part going to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and a part to the Missionary Diocese of Algoma.

As the *grand* object of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel is simply promotion of God's work, your Committee feel certain that some steps may be taken by this Synod (with the Synod's approval) by which all difficulties may be removed, and for this reason we have brought the subject before the Synod in this report, and trust it may receive your careful consideration.

(Signed,)

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