

tants. As you approach it from the south-east a huge wooden cross on the brow of the hill informs you that you are in the domain of the Oblats of Mary Immaculate. This mission owns more than six thousand acres of land, the greater part of which was received as a grant from the Government, and from which it receives a large annual revenue. Yet, like all communities where Popery and superstition reign, here also poverty prevails. Last year the report of Superintendent Greisbach, in the Government Blue Books, shows that 663 people at St. Albert—this nursery of Catholicism—received Government rations. This is virtually a case of the Government supporting the Roman Catholic mission. The few dollars that the *habitant* may earn he takes out in prayers for the removal of the purgatorial coals from the body of some dead relative. Thus the coffers of the mission are filled and the Government is bled to support the faithful. Every year this state of affairs exists to a greater or less degree among the French half-breeds of St. Albert. How long shall people continue blind? How long shall wonderful and horrible things be committed in the land? How long shall politicians deal falsely, priests bear rule by their means, and the electors love to have it so?

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Now that the holiday season is over and ministers are making arrangements for another year's work, the time seems opportune for discussing the best means of promoting theological study. I would, therefore, ask those interested in this question to consider the suggestion embodied in the title of this letter.

Every studiously inclined minister knows how very difficult it is to prosecute theological study after graduation. Its importance is recognized, and spasmodic efforts are made to carry it out. But the incentives of examination and of association with other students being removed, and the duties of the pastorate and pulpit preparation becoming more absorbing and more exacting, the study of the great present-day theological problems, if attempted at all, is intermittent and too often profit-