

parish or their diocese. Circumscribed in their views, they remain illiberal in their sympathies.

Our parishes and dioceses will never suffer from an increased zeal in the broader interests of the Universal Church. There can be no conflict of interests in the Church of God, if seen from the proper point of view,—the glory of God and the salvation of souls. This missionary spirit has also a bearing on the spiritual welfare of the flock in which it is fostered. For those who would object that giving money to our Western Church is "emptying coals to Newcastle," I would state that the West now needs more the help of the East than at any other time. The organized parishes are indeed beginning to be self-supporting; but the work I have outlined in these pages, if it is to be done, has to be supported by the Catholics of Canada at large.

The spiritual aids will be the prayers, Masses, sacrifices of all kind offered for our Home Missions. Nothing strengthens faith and promises genuine piety as prayers and sacrifices for the great cause of our missions. They are so disinterested, they reveal true love for our Blessed Lord. The Divine Master can but hear the prayer asking Him to send "labourers to the ripening harvest." And could we give better proof of devotion to Church and Country?

Great is the seriousness of the present hour, tremendous the task that confronts us after the war. Never has any generation in history been so frightened with the responsibilities of the future as ours is, marching home from the battlefields of Europe. We are living in stirring and changeful times. Nowhere in the Dominion of Canada will the period of reconstruction have more far-reaching effects as in the West. The after-war problems will meet there with rapid and very often radical solutions. To understand this issue that faces our country, to grasp it in all its breadth and fulness, should we not broaden our vision, readjust it, I would say, to the new scale of changing conditions? Only then will we be able to marshal our forces and throw the weight of Catholic principles in the solving of the social, economical and religious problems of the hour. "The Church cannot remain an isolated factor in the nation. The Catholic Church possesses spiritual and moral resources which are at the command of the nation in every great crisis. The message to the nation to forget local boundaries and provincialism is a message likewise to the Catholic Church. Parochial,