

The Mormons are with us too, and the problems presented in their unchristian and God-dishonouring system faces us as it faces the Church of the United States. A vigorous and growing colony, fostered by zealous teachers and missionaries from Utah, exists in a fertile corner of Alberta and is rapidly becoming aggressive and missionary in its methods. This caricature of the Christian religion, this system of mediæval ecclesiastical despotism, alike subversive of religion and of law, is a menace both to British settlers and to foreigners, for no Church is more aggressive in missionary effort, none is more determined and restless in its endeavors to proselytise.

What solution has the Church of Christ in our land for the problems that attend the coming of these people? What provision has she for their deepest need? What but the Gospel that has proved itself the solution for such problems in other ages, what but the Gospel that is still the power of God unto salvation unto everyone that believeth, be he rude barbarian or cultured Greek? We cannot, we will not despair of the ability of the Gospel to meet such serious problems as these, when we remember what it already has done for Anglo-Saxon nations whose ancestors, when Rome was changing her palaces from brick to marble, were wandering, rude savages, in their forest fastnesses.

The hopeful feature in connection with the problems of immigration is that, in coming to a new land, the minds of men are inclined to open to new influences and to accept the spirit of new surroundings. Leaving behind, oftentimes, conditions with which they have grown weary, they find in the new world a freedom which they recognize with astonished gladness, and finding this associated with the religion of the land that they have adopted as their own, and that they are prepared to love, their minds are rendered at least free from unhappy prejudice. The work of evangelization among them may be difficult but it is possible, it is most easily possible while the life that they have adopted is new. It is not to be dreamed of that the Church is to neglect these strangers; neglect, means national peril and religious decline. Evangelize them, and among heterogeneous multitudes flocking to us