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LETTER FROM REV. C. CHINIQUEY.

St. Anne—Yankakee County, Illinois, 1st April 1866.

To the Pastors, Elders, and Brethren of the Congregations of the London Presbytery, C.W.

Reverend and Dear Brethren :—

It has been my privilege to address your different congregations, these last two months by the order of our Presbytery, in behalf of our Missions and School of Ste Anne in Illinois—and no words can sufficiently tell you the admiration and the sentiments of gratitude I feel at the remembrance of the true piety and the unbounded charity which I have seen every where among you. Surely the days I have passed in your midst are to be put among the most happy days of my life—and there is not a disciple of the Gospel, anywhere, in America as well as in Europe, who will not unite with me and our dear converts of Illinois to praise and bless you, when they will know that you have given us \$1940 to help us to fight the battles of the Lord here and enable our children to spread the light of the Gospel among their relations and friends who are still the slaves and the victims of the errors of Rome. Ah ! The Dear Saviour who has promised an eternal reward for a cup of water, given in his name, will hear the prayers of our New Born Brethren of Ste Anne Illinois ! He will bless you in this world and in the next for the sacrifice you have so cheerfully made to save us from the heavy burden of debts which we had been forced to make, to fight against the giant Power of Rome and keep up the victorious banners of Christ, over these prairies, which it has been our happy lot, by the mercy of God, to save from the damning errors of Rome.

In my name and in the name of my converted countrymen, I thank and bless you for what you have done for us. The bills of our expenses which I give you to day, will show you we are trying to be as economical as possible ; and we are sure that every one who will take the trouble to consider the amount of difficulties we have to meet, the formidable suits by which the Church of Rome is constantly keeping us in the hands of the Sheriff, the high prices we have to pay for every thing in the U. S., will confess that it was impossible to make the work the Lord has done here through the instrumentality of his unprofitable servant, with less expense.

Now that the debts of the past days are nearly paid—unite your fervent prayers to our feeble ones to the throne of grace, that we may be enabled to continue the great work which the God of the Gospel has trusted to our two feeble hands. But, *alone we cannot continue, alone we cannot fight any longer*, we want your help Brethren ! Soldiers of Christ we want your support, in the battles we are fighting. The cause for which we are fighting is your cause. It is the cause of Christ. It is the cause of every disciple of the Gospel.

Ah ! let our hearts be one !—let our efforts be united under the great Captain of our Salvation and the victory will be ours ! and after having served the Lord together and fought his battles in this land of exile, we will be all united to praise and bless Him in His Kingdom.

Your truly and for ever grateful Brother in Christ
C. CHINIQUEY.