

*To the Reverend the Clergy, and the Congregations of the  
Church of England in Canada :*

DEAR BRETHREN,

On behalf of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society we present our Third Annual Appeal in aid of Foreign Missions to you and to every member of all the congregations throughout the nine dioceses in the ecclesiastical provinces of Canada. The appeal is from many points of view urgent—it ought to be irresistible, seeing that it comes to us from our Lord and Saviour who died to redeem us and all mankind.

The appeal is urgent. In the foreign mission field hundreds of millions are without the light and hope which the Son of God brought to this dark world and committed to the christian church in order that they might be conveyed to all.

In the foreign mission field hundreds of millions are exposed to the temptations which beset fallen human nature everywhere, and especially in heathen lands, without the grace of resistance won for them by the victory of the Son of Man over evil of every kind, that grace which the christian church is to impart to them by bringing them into unison with Him as members of His body.

In the foreign mission field hundreds of millions are bearing the intolerable burden of sin, and guilt and fear of death, without the relief which the one all-sufficient sacrifice of the cross can alone afford.

The appeal is urgent to the Church of England and her members everywhere, for to the Church of England all pagan lands, the whole heathen world, and all non-christian countries are wide open.

The enterprise and courage of her sons in the pursuit of commerce and knowledge have carried them to the ends of the earth and brought them into contact with all peoples, and nations, and language: Where the spirit and the aims of this world have carried Englishmen, surely England's Church should follow closely, gladly, vigorously, planting everywhere a little army of missionaries, well trained, thoroughly equipped, and strong in the conviction that they will be fully sustained by the sympathy, the prayers and the liberal offerings of those who stay at home.

Are any amongst you thinking that the Church in England, with her vast resources of men and money should do this, but that we in the colonies are too poor—so poor that we can hardly maintain our own Church? The existence of the Church in these Canadian colonies is proof to us at least, that the Church in England does not stay at home; that she sends out her clergy and the money to maintain them during the early days when settlers are struggling to make a home in a new country.

Many a missionary has been maintained in Canada out of the loving offerings of christians in England's villages, much poorer than we are, and enjoying fewer of the substantial comforts of life.