

Such, Beloved Brethren, are the principal evils which we conjure you, by the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, to remove from amongst you, in order that, throughout all parts of this vast Province, those solid virtues may be seen to flourish, which can alone secure our happiness both here and hereafter. With these evils will also disappear the enormous expenditure they entail. How many holy and noble undertakings might be carried out, if all that is foolishly spent in taverns, at play, at the theatres, in dress, and in luxury, were devoted to them; and then, what blessings would be shed upon you, as a reward for your sacrifices in behalf of so worthy a cause! We deem it our duty to point out to you here, some of the good works it behoves you to practise, in order to arrest this torrent of iniquity, and to secure your eternal salvation.

In the first place, Beloved Brethren, take care of your poor, and the Lord, who has adopted them as his suffering members, will return you a hundredfold, for what you shall have given to relieve their sufferings. Lend your aid to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and to those pious associations of charitable ladies, who devote themselves with so much zeal, not only to the relief of the temporal wants of the poor, but above all to procuring them spiritual aid, which is a matter of still greater necessity for them.

Amongst your privileged works, beloved Brethren, do not forget St. Peter's Pence, which has for its object to enable the Holy Father to meet, in these days of affliction, the outlay necessary for the preservation of the sacred deposit of the Faith, for the government of the church, and for the relief of so many sufferings the result of political convulsions.

We can ever increasing encouragement to the extension, in your midst, of that admirable work of the Propagation of the Faith, and bear in mind, above all, that there are in the vast territories of the North-west, of the Hudson's Bay, of Oregon, and of Vancouver, Religions of both sexes, formed amongst you, who are cultivating, at the cost of the greatest sacrifices, that most interesting portion of the field of the Father of the family.

With our prayers and with our alms, let us help them, and those other apostles of both sexes, who are labouring to extend the Kingdom of God throughout the whole world; and thus we shall have a share in the merits of their labors and of their sufferings.

In fine, Beloved Brethren, there is another work, both religious and patriotic, in which you are called upon to assist, to wit, the settlement of the wild lands, which is destined to be of an immense benefit to this country, by promoting the continued extension of catholic influence. Let us remember, Beloved Brethren, that true patriotism is inseparable from true Faith; it derives its inspiration from the heart of the God of mercies, Who, in his fatherly Provi-