

Greenlander will be heard afresh,—‘Tell me that story over again.’ In each of the dioceses to be formed to-day we have known of cases in which the story has been listened to eagerly throughout the whole day, and continued onwards through the livelong night. It came to them with all the freshness of a new revelation, meeting exactly their condition as sinners, and supplying their every need.

But to announce is not the whole of the work to which the Overseers in the Church of Christ are called. It was the Apostle’s boast, that ‘from Jerusalem round about to Illyricum he had fully preached the gospel of Christ;’ preached, that is (as has been well explained), not alone in outline, but filling up and developing the scheme of salvation. In the former case you may do the work of an evangelist, as a herald publishing the glad tidings; in the latter you would pass on and make full proofs of your ministry. In itinerating you may do the former; in frequent visitation, and leaving behind you the settled teacher, you must seek to do the latter.

There is, however, yet another feature in the Apostle’s sketch of his labours, as he depicts them for us in the Epistle to the Romans and in the passage of our text. We find him invariably striving to preach ‘not where Christ was named, lest he should build upon another man’s foundation.’ It was his holy ambition to be ever breaking up virgin soil, finding out fresh and untried ground. This surely will be the undoubted privilege of those to be sent forth to-day. Some pioneers* may have gone forth to search out the land, but as yet there are only a few spots mapped out and indicated. There remaineth much land to be possessed, permanently occupied for the Lord, in the almost untrodden wilderness. Amid the Indians of the plains, how mighty a work to be done! along the valley of the Saskatchewan, how many a flourishing village and settlement may we hope to see formed! And among the Esquimaux, how many have yet to be approached! how many, by means of the present converts, may be

* Such as Archdeacon Hunter, now Vicar of St. Matthew’s, Bayswater, who penetrated into Athabasca and spent a winter there in 1858.