

period of their existence. On the one part the assistance formerly tendered us is greatly reduced, and on the other part we have to face an increased outlay, due to a more advanced policy of the Government towards the Indians—a policy with which we must keep pace or forfeit all. Added to this are the good dispositions of the heathen Indians, which must be taken advantage of without delay. The Archdiocese of St. Boniface counts an Indian population of 15,000. The majority of these Indians are still heathen, and their evangelization is all the more urgent, that a so-called ‘cloud of witnesses’ are in the field, each claiming to have the truth to present to the poor untutored and frequently bewildered Indian. . . . Let, then, those Catholics who duly appreciate the gift of faith and have at heart the extension of God’s kingdom, signify their intention of enlisting in this cause by the offer of substantial aid. . . . The Archdiocese of St. Boniface includes, besides Manitoba, a considerable portion of Assiniboia and a strip of Western Ontario. Of the 3,000 heathen Indians still credited to Ontario, 2,000 are within the limits of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface, and are to be found principally on Lake of the Woods and Rainy Lake. A boarding school for Indians has been established lately near Rat Portage. If this institution is permitted to develop it will be the main factor in the conversion of 1,200 pagans who are tributary to it. A similar institution is in contemplation for Rainy Lake. It is the foundation of these schools that calls for the greatest outlay, but once established they are nearly self-supporting and they are the most effective means of christianizing and civilizing the Indian tribes.”

This appeal is certainly a most fair and reasonable one, and the object for which it is made is undoubtedly one that merits the support and generosity of every good Catholic throughout the Eastern provinces of the Dominion, especially of the Catholics of Ontario. We hope and pray that this request for assistance will not be in vain. Father Cahill has suggested the following as to the manner in which the Indian missions may be assisted.

1. Yearly subscriptions, ranging from \$5 to \$100.
2. Legacies by testament (payable to the Archbishop of St. Boniface).
3. Clothing, new or second-hand, material for clothing, for use in the Indian schools.
4. Promise to clothe a child, either by furnishing material, or by paying \$1 a month in case of a girl, \$1.50 in case of a boy.
5. Devoting one’s self to the education of Indian children by accepting the charge of day-schools on Indian Reserves—a small salary attached.