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My dear Friends:

You will pardon me, I am sure, for calling attention to the urgent needs of the Maintenance and Missionary Funds of our Church.

These funds go chiefly to the upkeep and extension of our work in Western and Northern Canada and abroad. They are essential for securing that the new Canada will be an upright and God-fearing community. Without them, the Canada-to-be would be in grave danger of degeneration. Moreover, of all Protestant denominations we have the chief responsibility for the great tracts of our country whose people cannot look after themselves.

The Church authorities ask Old St. Andrew's for \$35,000. We have had losses this year, and that sum may be beyond our powers. But judging by our previous givings, it might be possible for us to raise \$27,500. That, however, can only be done by a special effort on the part of everybody. Otherwise, we shall only reach about \$20,000.

It has been an anxious year financially for many people. But now the shadows, for some at least, have lifted. What can we do to meet the claimant need of a land which may be so great, but which, without the Christian Church, can so easily fall from its high estate?

Our circumstances and our responsibilities vary, and none of us can decide for another. But we can all decide for ourselves to do our best, remembering that the best that this generous and unselfish old Church can do is good indeed.

With every good wish for the New Year, I am

Yours very sincerely,

J. R. P. Sclater.

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