

many thousands of miles distant? A question might indeed be raised as to whether Providence called a people in the far north, to send missionaries 18,000 miles, among savages living in an equatorial climate, to which their constitutions were unadapted; but we know not on what principle any question *can* be raised, as to our obligations to evangelize, or at least *try* to evangelize the poor ignorant natives living and dying within call of our habitations; the people, in fact, among whom, according to apostolic precedent, our missionary efforts evidently ought to begin.

The committee do not wish to conceal the fact that here and there they have heard murmurs of dissatisfaction, and doubts expressed as to the propriety of further prosecuting this work; and if the missionary were among the discouraged and the faint-hearted, we would feel ourselves placed in trying circumstances. But the missionary's letters breathe a spirit of *trust in God* and *constancy* in the work, which have strengthened the committee; and they present the following extract, believing that it will have a similar effect on the friends of the mission generally:

"I am happy to say that my agency visit to Yarmouth was successful. I felt somewhat unpleasant about going there under the circumstances\*. But I resolved to state the matter fairly and leave it to their enlightened generosity whether to assist us any further or not. We had a large meeting, as I wrote. I told them we had met many discouragements from the commencement, and certainly in one view of the matter, we had not accomplished much. But I urged that this so far from being a motive for abandoning the enterprise was rather, as it seemed to me a motive for increased exertion. Some might conclude from Ben's fall that we were now no longer under obligation to give the scriptures to the Indians. But no person who understands the nature and obligations of the Christian religion, can so argue. We feel sad, very sad, to

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\* Ben had there raised monies for the Mission which he retained for himself.