

I think perhaps I see a prospect of finding one of them, but I want assistance to maintain them, for "the labourer is worthy of his hire," and "they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." Another aspect of our work is the work amongst the Indians. In the western portion of Canada are found great tribes of North American Indians—those Red Indians of whom Fenimore Cooper wrote so many years ago. We have only three missionaries amongst them, and we may well say, What are they amongst so many? Consider what the missionary has to do. He first makes himself thorough master of the Indian language. We have three ordained missionaries and two catechists; and you may judge of the work done when I say that many portions of the Holy Bible, Morning and Evening Prayer, the Psalms, and even many of the hymns that you sing here are as familiar to the Indians in their language as they are to you in your own mother tongue. Having done this, he gathers a little, but ever increasing circle of Indians round him, who express a willingness to become Christians, or at least a desire to know what "*Christian*" means, and to know what Holy Bible means and teaches. For months and years this little circle gather round the solitary missionary, living miles away from any of the great centres of civilisation. At length they say, "Well, we do believe that this Holy Bible is the Word of God; we do believe that it does bring to us a knowledge not only of what we ought to do in this life, but what we are to hope for in the life to come." They soon draw nearer and nearer to their teachers, until eventually they are admitted by Holy Baptism into the Church of Christ. This we do very patiently, very quietly, very cautiously. We don't urge them on, but rather keep them back, because we are anxious they should be well informed, that they should give some evidence of a new life, and that they should be free to make the sacrifice, because it is a sacrifice from a temporal point of view for these heathen to become Christians. We bear patiently with them still, until the Bishop goes up and admits them to the higher privileges of the Church. This is the work; and you may say, "What is the result of the work?" I might give to that question two answers. Of course, I don't shut my eyes, nor can you shut your eyes, to the fact that there is a great deal of scepticism, a great deal of infidelity, or perhaps I should say, rather, of *not believing* things (if there be a difference between infidelity and not believing), not only in the minds and words of men, but in the papers we read from time to time. I give you, then, this answer—That, whether we succeed or whether we fail in our missionary work,