

world, that Canada is as important as any other distinct sphere of operation. Here we have a vast extent of country filling up with inhabitants, destined at no distant day to form materials for a great empire. Teeming millions will doubtless populate this region. The West Indian Islands at present present imposing numbers of Church members; but they are sea-girt isles, and cannot afford room for that extension of influence as this vast country, which is every day extending its boundaries. And they are bone of your bone, and flesh of your flesh. And ought not British Methodists to be concerned that such should possess the same happy privileges they themselves possess. In addition to this consideration, this portion of the Mission field combines almost every other species of claim that any other country possesses. Is it necessary to employ in Ireland Missionaries speaking to the inhabitants in their own tongue, and to establish schools, to enlighten those so sadly enveloped in the darkness of Popery? Then the same necessity exists here. Here Popery exists in its worst forms, and in its darkest shades. A ready door is opening in various directions. And if it be necessary to employ in France a great Missionary force; the same necessity exists in Canada--with the additional inducement, it is our own soil. Are your hearts touched with the sorrows of those who hasten after other gods? Here also are pagans, who have never yet received a Christian teacher, but who are anxiously desiring them. In short, the conflicting claims of destitute settlers, papists and pagans, white, red, and coloured people, bear forcibly upon us, and require a deep sympathy, and zealous exertions.