

"It should be remembered that The Catholic Truth Society which has recently been formed by the Roman Catholic Hierarchy of Canada, is engaged in an exactly similar enterprise. This country is being flooded with Roman Catholic literature, explaining in subtle and sometimes convincing ways, the doctrine and the authority of the Church, and the arguments for the supremacy of the Pope. There is no more important work to be done in Canada by Protestants than to counteract this movement on the part of the Roman Catholics".

There is nothing for us to be ashamed of in that. On the contrary, it should be the cause of great encouragement to us to know that in spite of the difficulties of the past years, good work has been done, and the influence of the Society has made itself felt.

But what of the future? Are we to concede our position to others because we have not a membership of several thousand or because we are not as wealthy as our opponents. Surley not! SURELY NOT! When our Bishops have pleaded with us: when our pastors have urged us: and when the Holy Father himself has cried out to us, to take our places in the lay apostolate. Let us not any longer blind ourselves to facts. Let us rather own to our short-coming if there is one and set to work to right it. Is it not true that the weapons which the Church has unceasingly begged us to take up in her name, have been left idly alone, till her very enemies have wielded them against her — and is not this indeed "a standing shame"?

Those who have interested themselves in this work know well the reward it brings with it. It has been begun and not a little has been achieved, but nothing compared with the good work which is still waiting to be done, if others would come forward and show their zeal as Catholics by contributing in some way towards the work of the Society for the propagation of the Faith. Why must we wait longer? Why must this duty of all the faithful be carried by so few. The seed is ours and the soil is ready, but we lack the willing hands with which to sow. When is our message to reach the hearts of our people