

expend their strength and their life for this eminently christian and civilizing work, but it is much more difficult for me to find persons who are willing—not to give me, but even to open for me, their purse. I should remark, however, that I have found in this connection happy exceptions—examples of the most touching charity. If it were necessary to found in France or England, or in any town of Canada or the United States, a work of this character, we should not be wanting the means; rich people are yet easily to be found who give generously for a work in their own country—for alleviating miseries of which they are eye witnesses. But who will give thought to the poor savages of the English American possessions of the North-west? If one traverses the immense plains of the North-west, one will find in all the Indian camps, or in places where they are in the habit of frequenting, strangers of various origins living with them sometimes in very questionable intimacy—living even *en famille* with them—during the time they are in the country; when they go they leave behind them for our orphanages little children wild as their mothers.—God grant that it may be possible for us to take all these little ones and give them that education, that civilization, of which their fathers are proud! I trust they would make better use of it than their fathers! Yes, I repeat, there are strangers who think of the Indians, but it is to enrich themselves at their expense; they teach them by their example to lie and cheat, inasmuch that the most immoral Indians, and those the most difficult to reclaim and civilize, are those who are tutored in this way by strangers. Yet are we happy that the commerce in intoxicating drinks has been put a stop to by the Government. The work of the Propagation of the Faith procures for us, as much as it can, the means of announcing the gospel to the heathen—that of St. Enfantin assists us under the same conditions to take charge of and educate these little ones; but yet again I would say this work should be taken up on a large scale, and we have not been able to do that hitherto, and cannot do it with the alms alone that we receive from these admirable associations. If I