

fathers told us, of the arduous and self-denying labours of the devoted pioneers, who left the comforts of their loved home to minister to the destitute in what was truly the wilds of America. We honor their memories and appreciate the blessings they conferred on this our native land, and, Moderator, we feel bound to render thanks to God that the same spirit of missionary zeal and devotedness did not die, or even grow faint, when these faithful laborers were removed. We remember when your Church was weak and struggling, but we remember too that, at that period, when your circumstances were sufficiently trying, you roused to call for help to the poor perishing in the dark misery of heathenism and resolved, in the face of all difficulties, on the effort to save some of them. We admire the spirit and the courage which animated your counsels, and we read of the labours and triumphs of your devoted missionaries with feelings and pleasure not different from your own. Geddie is a name that is as familiar in our families as in yours, and we regard it an honor that we can say that that distinguished veteran of the cross, who rescued multitudes from misery and death, had his birth and training with us in our native land, Nova Scotia. It is an honor to our province that it was the first in British North America to venture the life boat amid the darkness and storms of heathenism. We cannot fail to see in this effort and its glorious success the proof that our divine Master was in your midst and directing your efforts. The missionary spirit is the spirit of Jesus, and the more that spirit animates the Church the more largely His presence, His power, and His love are enjoyed. That Church will prosper—her efforts will be a success.

Let me repeat the assurance of our esteem and love for your work's sake. The many souls saved in the South Sea Islands caused joy in Heaven, on the Eternal Throne. "There is joy in the presence of the angels over one sinner that repenteth." As a Church you are blessed in knowing that there