

country is indeed greatly enlarging its territories, as well as rapidly increasing in its population. Cities, towns, and villages are rising up on every side; the forests are disappearing, and numerous new townships are being surveyed and settled; and new and smiling fields of labour are presented in the Hudson's-Bay Territories. These changes in the social condition and rapid extension of our country, demand more than our utmost energies and resources to keep pace with the progress of population and settlement; to supply our towns and villages with the ministrations of religion, to provide the new settler with the bread of life, and save the heathen from perishing for lack of knowledge.

To this great work committed to us, we consecrate ourselves with renewed devotion; maintaining with conscientious care the purity of our doctrines and the integrity of our discipline—cultivating the spirit and imitating the example of our apostolic fathers—feeling that Christ is our life, and this redeemed world our parish; so praying, living and labouring that, as far as in us lies, not one soul, either among the aboriginal tribes, or scattered new settlers, or older settlements and denser centres of population, shall have cause to charge his loss of salvation to our neglect of duty or want of piety; but that we may, with you, present a glorious harvest of souls, pardoned, sanctified and saved by our instrumentality; when he that soweth and he that reapeth shall rejoice together, in the presence of him who hath redeemed us by his own blood, that we might not live to ourselves, but to him who died for us, and rose again.

For more particulars and full information in regard to our affairs, we refer you to the Rev. Dr. Stinson, whom we have requested to act as our representative to you, and with whom we have appointed the Rev. Laetitia Taylor, now sojourning in Europe, for the recovery of his health, a brother highly esteemed and beloved, whom we commend to your confidence and kindness.

Praying that you may be guided and prospered in all your deliberations and labours, and that a more abundant baptism than ever of the Holy Spirit may be poured upon our Zion throughout the whole world, we remain, reverend fathers and