

field occupied by the Maritime Province in India. Further, in these four counties of Quebec which have been named, there is a population of 62,000 people:—equal to one fourth of the entire population of the province of Manitoba, and the whole of the North West Territories; and only seventeen persons who are even nominally Protestants. If the same proportions were maintained in your North West field there would be only sixty eight protestants in the whole population of Manitoba and the great North West. Or if the same conditions were found in British Columbia there would be about twenty-five Protestants there.

I would that we could study these figures and what they teach upon our knees, until the sense of our weighty responsibility pressed upon us with constraining power.

While many of these people are very sincere, let it not be forgotten that sincerity alone will not save them. It is possible to be sincerely wrong, and to be eternally lost, notwithstanding their sincerity. When a man puts a scalpula, in the place of the cross, a human saint in the stead of the "one mediator," trusts in the "lying wonders" said to be wrought by dry mouldy bones, and pins his faith to fragments of relics rather than to the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ, however sincere he may be, he is a lost soul; needing the gospel of the Son of God just as much as the most benighted heathen in far off lands. See Acts
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We need to realize that these people right at our own doors are perishing for lack of knowledge, and that we are under deepest obligation to supply that lack. Did you ever ask yourselves "Why did God place this dark, dark province between the bright Maritime Provinces on the one hand and the equally bright Ontario on the other? I believe it was, that rays of light from both East and West might penetrate its spiritual gloom; and unless we are true to our mission, its darkness will sweep with increasing force over our borders and envelop us, and God will require at our hands the souls who are perishing through our neglect.

They are our fellow citizens. God has bound them up in the bundle of National life with us, and the future of a fair Dominion will largely be shaped