

do something towards making the claims of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel more generally known and appreciated.

The first part of the *Annals*, it will be observed, consists almost exclusively of the memoirs of the early Missionaries; and if those who succeeded them are not spoken of individually, it must not be inferred that the present Clergy are less zealous, or less laborious, than those pioneers of the Gospel who were the first to thread

“The matted forests of Ontario’s shore.”<sup>1</sup>

Such is not the case. But the Church, as it advances, is no longer identified with a few leading individuals; it is a body consisting of numerous members; and our object must therefore be to trace, not so much the motions of any particular part, as the progress of the whole.

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(1) Wordsworth: *River Duddon*, Son. xiii.