

## CHAPTER V.

### *Christian Patriotism and Home Missions*

Every Christian man and woman in Canada cherishes those loyalties which are fundamental to a sound and progressive national life—loyalty to God, loyalty to the home, loyalty to the school, loyalty to the courts and loyalty to the nation

When Christ Jesus comes into a man's life He does not lessen his love for his nation or weaken his patriotism. We can see that in the letters of the master of the highest culture of his time, Paul, the Apostle, who shows how much Christ has deepened His love for His kinsmen and quickened the right kind of patriotism. Christian loyalty in Paul led him to exclaim, "I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart for I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh," (Romans 9:2, 3.) And again in Romans 10:1, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved."

There are no sublimer expressions of the right kind of patriotism and love of nation in any language than those of this splendid Christian apostle. Christ's spirit in Christian Canadians ought to lead us all to exclaim today, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Canada is that she might be saved." That is not the highest type of Canadianism that prays that Canada might be powerful, or rich, or might escape responsibility. The real Canadian, the highest type of Canadian, is he whose supreme desire and prayer for Canada is that she might be saved. Canada might be powerful and yet lost, rich and yet lost, escape responsibility and yet be lost.

Canada is a polyglot land. About one hundred different nationalities are listed in the census report and the list closes with "various" and "unspecified." This great stream of people (two millions of New Canadians alone) from all parts of the globe, which has flowed to the shores of Canada, spread over farms and filled up the cities of this land, affects the nation at the very heart of its be-