

This is only one of the instances of the difficulty of carrying out the work which is so important and so necessary for the propagation of the Faith, which is the urgent wish of the Holy Father for God and His Church.

In a country so Catholic as Canada, it may well be termed "a standing mystery, and a standing shame".

There exists side by side with the lack of workers a steady and disheartening want of money. It is so easy to take our weekly paper or pamphlet from the church door each week without ever thinking of how the rack got there; where the pamphlets came from; who keeps up the supply; or who pays for damage or loss. It is in filling such demands that the slender means of the Society are used, meanwhile an abundance of greater good is being left undone, and will be left undone until the work is given the support necessary to meet its requirements. The Society is most grateful to its members, but when one glances over the list of names on the membership and to find but a bare few hundred, one cannot regard it as creditable to the Catholics of Canada. With the Catholic population of Canada, the membership of the Society should run into tens of thousands. All cannot be active workers, but the Church has never hesitated to insist in her frequent utterances, that the propagation of Catholic Truth is the duty and responsibility of every man and woman in the fold. What does this mean but that the number of members should be in proportion to our Catholic population, who would, by their annual donations, supply the means to carry on the work.

Of the importance of the work, it should be necessary to say but very little. During these times of national crisis and social upheaval, the world is crying out in its agony for the solution that will give back peace and righteousness. We Catholics know the answer that it seeks. We hold the secret that alone can free it from the tyranny of evil that besets it. Only Christianity, based upon Catholic doctrine, will ever uplift it or transform it into a fitting dwelling place for the children of God. That doctrine is ours to spread broad-cast by every means and channel in our power.