

French Romanists in this Dominion eventually outnumber and displace the rest of the population, or shall the leaven of the Gospel of Christ penetrate the whole mass and purify unto the Lord a peculiar people zealous of good works? I am inclined to adopt the latter view and to look forward hopefully to a brighter day when the knowledge of Christ shall have been diffused through all classes and races of the Canadian people. If we had to undertake this work on our own strength we might indeed be discouraged because of the insurmountable barriers confronting us, but knowing as we do that its success depends upon the power of God alone, who says, "My strength is made perfect in weakness," we cannot doubt the issue.

As far as the blending of the races is concerned, we are in much the same position as our ancestors immediately after the Norman Conquest. There is this difference however, to our disadvantage, that while they had only race prejudice to overcome, we encounter difficulties as regards both race and religion.

French Evangelization then becomes "a national duty," and the surest way to accomplish it is to continue in the course that has been pursued for years. Those who go before to prepare the way must be wise as serpents and harmless as doves, mingling with the people in a quiet unassuming manner, and presenting to them the truth as it is in Jesus. This is necessary in order to secure for the preacher who follows, an audience who will listen to him in spite of priestly interference. The French Protestant Church already established in our country through the untiring and heroic efforts of her first missionaries should produce and multiply God-fearing men filled with burning zeal for the evangelization of their compatriots. These men should be ready to endure any privation in furthering the glorious cause of the Gospel, as their ancestors did among the aborigines, and as our missionaries did and are doing in China, India, Africa and elsewhere amongst those who cannot claim even the tie of consanguinity and amongst whom they have not the advantage of using the mother tongue to teach and illustrate the Word of Life. They should be liberally supported by their English speaking co-religionists.

To evangelize the French Canadians, then, is to settle in a large measure the question of Canada's future welfare politically, morally and intellectually.

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