

missions. Many missions are not and cannot be for a long time self-supporting and the missionaries in spite of personal self-sacrifice and zeal cannot maintain them without financial assistance. For this they depend upon the alms of Catholics throughout the world. Hence it is that the Society for the Propagation of the Faith makes earnest appeals to the charity of all that the divine command to "preach the gospel to every creature" may be fulfilled.

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### Indian Honesty.

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**I**n the character of the Indians of North American there are many traits which their white neighbors would do well to imitate. Among these, strict honesty is one. Mr. Catlin gives the credit of this virtue to all the wild tribes which he visited, not corrupted by intercourse with civilized nations. Bolts and bars, for the protection of property, among them are unknown. He cites many examples to prove this. The following anecdote is from another source.

An Indian being among his white neighbors, asked for a little tobacco to smoke, and one of them, having some loose in his pocket, gave him a handful. The day following, the Indian came back, inquiring for the donor, saying he had found a quarter of a dollar among the tobacco; being told that as it was given him he might as well keep it, he answered, pointing to his breast: 'I got a good man and a bad man here; and the good man say, it is not mine, I must return it to the owner; the bad man say why he gave it to you, and it is your own now; the good man say, that's not right, the tobacco is yours, not the money; the bad man say, never mind, you got it, go buy some dram; the good man say, no, no, you must not do so; so I don't know what to do, and I think to go to sleep; but the good man and the bad man keep talking all night, and trouble me; and when I bring the money back I feel good.'