

## AN ADDRESS TO FATHER HÄTSCHER.

[Translated from the French. No signatures accompany this undated draft.]

*Addressed to the Reverend Mr Hedcher Missionary.*

SIR, — In accordance with the Sentiments of the Catholics of the Place, and my own Conviction regarding your zeal in the service of this parish, — in spite of the imputations which have been made Against your Character and your duties as Missionary, imputations which seemed calculated to remove you from Us, — I do not hesitate, supported by a general desire, to address a petition to you which implores your assistance until a superior authority obliges you to leave Us. And, to give more weight to my claims, I will permit Myself to present to you the Contradictions, the imputations, and the persecutions against Our Common Master, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who suffered every-thing without abandoning his Flock, until the last Moment of his Mission, — at which time he was able to substitute for himself his apostles, prepared for the Service of the Holy Spirit. You will appreciate, better than we, the Merits of our petition and of your apostolic duties.

Without entering into the reasons which might oblige you to leave us, I find there one of the Means employed by the Enemy of our salvation to gain possession of the great Field and there establish his Dominion

However that may be, we will not abandon our conviction of your Merit, and of our own obligations to you; and we beg you to Believe in Our perfect gratitude, and in the esteem of one and All of the Undersigned . . . the Majority of the inhabitants of the Bay.

Indorsed: "Address to the Reverend Mr Hedcher by the inhabitants of the Bay."

[G. L. P., XXXII: 60.]