

in 1863. It has since been removed to Missoula. Father Giorda in the same year, searching for souls and not for gold, as the miners well remember, twice visited Alder Gulch, now Virginia, where he heard many confessions and baptised a number of children. Rev. Raverdy, a secular priest from Denver, Colorado, and after him Fr. Huppens visited the place the following year.

FR. GIORDA WAS THERE

Again in the Winter of 1865 and remained till the Spring of the following year, being succeeded by FF Vanzini, Van Gorp and D'Aste, who later on came to remain permanently. A frame building was turned into a church, and the Mission of Virginia, under the title of "All Saints," was established. It is now under the charge of Rev. F. Kelleher, who, since the Fall of 1873, with zeal and devotedness has watched over the little flock of 275 Catholic souls committed to his care.

Frenchtown had the little church built in 1864. I have at hand no late report of the Catholic population of that thriving little place, but including all the Frenchtown district, with its mines, it cannot fall short of 350 souls.

NEXT IN TURN COMES HELENA,

The capital of our Territory. The Catholic church here dates from 1765. The old frame church, built by the Hon. J. M. Sweeney, was opened and dedicated under the style of the "Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary," on the feast of All Saints, in 1866, by Fr. Kuppens, who is remambered throughtout Montana as one who knew as well how to manage wild brochos as ould and rusty sinners. Fr. Kuppens was replaced by Fr. F. Van Gorp and d'Aste, while Fr. Grassi spent in Helena the winter