



AN EVENTFUL YEAR FOR THE RELIGIOUS OF THE SACRED HEART



THE dying century will, in passing away, leave a large mark upon the annals of the Religious of the Sacred Heart in Canada: this year they were privileged to receive the visit of their Very Reverend Mother General, while a few days back their establishment in Halifax celebrated amidst universal congratulation the fiftieth year of its foundation.

THE VISITATION.

Of necessity, the visit of a Superior General to far away regions must be a rare event. We are under the impression that it has never occurred in the case of the Franciscans or Dominicans in America; certainly the General of the Jesuits never set foot in these western lands. In the case of the Religious of the Sacred Heart it never occurred before. Not only is this a rare event, it is moreover one fraught with many and great blessings. Of course, in all communities living under obedience, there is a constant and efficacious communication between subjects and their superiors to the end that a oneness of purpose, of spirit and action, may be secured. Still the written word is a poor substitute for the spoken word and the magnetism of personal contact with a great mind. We are not so ethereal as not to be affected by such things. Somehow we become more faithful to rule, more loyal to our institute after we have seen and spoken with those into whose hand God has placed its guidance and government. After that, things which seemed overmuch to aim at, appear easy, and, practices, whose necessity does not impose itself, are respected