

Established in 1899, but incorporated in 1918, the Catholic Truth Society of Canada has its Head Office in Toronto, dependent upon which there are branches in Vancouver, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, and Montreal. Kingston, Hamilton and London bishops have appointed Diocesan Directors to take up the work of the Society in their respective dioceses. Before the present year has passed into history it is expected that the dioceses of Prince Albert, Edmonton, Calgary, North Bay, Ottawa, Quebec, St. John, and Halifax will also name their diocesan directors. In letters of approval and benediction the Bishops of Canada have been unanimous in urging the necessity of the work undertaken by the Society. One would have thought that with such recommendation from our leading spiritual guides, few — if any — would have been unwilling to take part in a work which has proved itself in other countries to be so powerful a factor in the propagation and protection of our holy religion. The intention of those who inaugurated the federation of the various Catholic associations throughout the country, (whose aims were the diffusion of Catholic literature) could only have been to facilitate and extend the work, yet if we judge from facts as they are today, we are forced to the conclusion that the extension is far from being as great as it should have been. The work which our Bishops and pastors commended and blessed for years, and left in the keeping of the Catholic laity of Canada, is — very largely — being left undone. Are you, dear reader, satisfied that this should be so? To those who are actively engaged in the work it is difficult to understand why this indifference. It cannot be that our Catholic men and women are deaf to the appeals of our Holy Father and of our Bishops, or that their love and zeal for the welfare of their religion is not great enough to permit them to respond. There seems to be but one solution to the condition and that is that the Catholic Truth Society of Canada and its work has not become sufficiently known to others, and they — not knowing much about it, and not enquiring — have failed to realize the urgency and importance of the work. It is evidence that the weekly Catholic paper is not read, because there is in each issue news of the many avenues calling for just such work as is being done by the C. T. S.