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The Calendrier Religieux for 1912

The Calendrier Religieux for 1912 which has just been issued by the Mother House of the Order of Christian Brothers contains the latest official statistics of the largest Order in the Caurch devoted exclusively to the work of education. Some of the figures are particularly interesting as they show the extent and development of that world-wide organization, and, incidently point to what the Catholic Church is doing for the education of the masses.

At the present time, the Christian Brothers have a total of 735 houses scattered throughout the world which for convenience of administration is divided into 53 Districts or Provinces. In Europe, they have 398 houses; in Asia, 49; in and Africa, 45; in North America, 144; in Central and South America, 144; in Central and South America 199. Of the different countries where the Sons of St. La Salle are most namerous, Spain leads with 124 houses, Belgium comes next with 95, while in the United States the Brothers have 90 establishments. In the British Empire they have in all 99 houses, 54 of these being in the Domino of Canada. Of the cities where the Caristian Brothers have the largest number of communities, Montreal comes fleet with 15 houses; then comes New York with 11; in Madrid they have 10, and 1 a Rome 9. There are 5 Novifirst with 15 houses; then comes new York with 11; in Madrid they have 10, and in Rome 9. There are 5 Novitiates of the Order in North America, and 5 Training Colleges or Juniorates, one of the latter having been recently established in Toronto to meet the particular needs of this Province.

THE POPE'S ARMY

EDITOR RECORD,—Dear Sir,—I read in the Catholic Notes of your issue of November II, about Mr. Thomas Noonan, that he "is perhaps the only man in Canada who was a member of the

Pope's army."
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excellent paper to point out the mistake which has no doubt inadvertently slipped into that note.

Just in the same week, on November 6, the Semaine Religieuse of Montreai has published a pretty long list of former soldiers of the Pape's army. There we read that about 500 Zouaves of Lumoriciere were Canadians, and that a good number of them are still living. At a funeral High Mass, celebrated in the Cathedrai of Montreal, on the 26 of October, for the late General De Onarette, who died recently in France, many of his fellow soldiers under the Pope's flag were present, amongst whom were noticed, says the Semaine Religieuse, "Bussieres, Prendergast, Hurtubise, Darocher, Vincent, all knights of St. Gregory; Colin, Brunelle, Blondin, now parish-priests, Raparle, Vezna, Lamarre, Bellente, Faren, Lunhare, Lucon, Da. Darocher, Vincent, all knights of St. Gregory; Colin, Brunelle, Blondhin, now parish priests, Raparle, Vezina, Lamarre, Brissette, Ferron, Leblanc, Joron, Du rocher, Sauve, Desormeaux, Moreau, Coutlee, de Esilefeuille, Dube, McGown, Branchaud, Lebel, Cote, Roy, Doxaler, Parmeton, Benoit, B-dard, Gariepy, Gendron, St. Michel, Renaud, Pare, Bieau, Martineau, Leclerc, La porte, Charbonn-eau, St. Germain, Bro. Bruno, a Trappist, etc."

Besieds these, quite a few other names occar to my memory: F. F. Daigneault, Lemire and Garceau, Jesuits, living in Montreal, Mr. Rouland, from Quebec, Mr. Lafresniere, from Sorel and Mr. Francoeur, from St. Hyacunthe, Knights of St. Gregory, Mr. Desilets and Mr. Dassault, from Trois-Rivieres, Mr. Lecompte, from St. Boniface, Man; Mr. Oharbier, Mr. Fortin, Mr. Richer, etc.

Those names I give from memory; no doubt a far greater number are unknown to me, whose names could easily be added to the preceding list.

A READER.

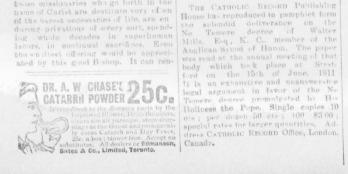
AN APOSTLE OF THE NORTH

Most touching was the appeal made in St. Joseph's church. Ottawa, ou the last Sanday of November, by the venerable Bishop Grouard of Athabaska, for his poverty-stricken missions of the far North. As the aged prelate spok, in simple and affecting language of his own labors, which ali too evidently he minimized, and of those of his fellow missionsries, the thought was uppersumed.

been carrying the message of the gospel, and enduring bardships, privations, toils and trials unspeakable, while the greater number even of professing Catholics sat at home and could scarcely be persuaded to contribute a pitchnee towards missionary work.

He described, or rather he gave a brief outline of conditions as they are up in the great, white silence, where there are nine months of winter with the thermometer ranging from fity to seventy degree a below zero, when all things "halt mute in the grip of the frost." Provisions sufflicient for a year are brought bitther each summer and are of the simplest kind. From station to station they are carried upon sleds, driven by dogs, the missionaries proceeding in like manner or upon shows. The priest and brothers, who in that district extending to the Arctic circle, are Oblates of Mary Immsoulate, do all their own work. They have to build houses and a church, every bit of the wood thus employed, being sawed by hand. In fact, it is to obtain funds for that the worthy hishop is now, as he says, employing his last remaining breath.

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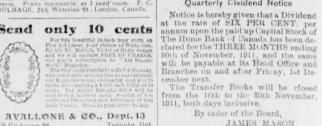
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