



FROM time to time public attention has been directed to the great work being accomplished by the members of a band of Missionaries, among the Indians of Canada. Their work has been to evangelize and civilize the native tribes, and it has resulted in both the spiritual and temporal betterment of the Indians. That from the very start their undertaking has been successful is witnessed by the frank avowals of the scientific explorer, and by the hardy miner and prospector of the early days, who declared that they could venture with safety into the unexplored wilderness, and among its Indian inhabitants, if the Missionary had preceded them, and by his teaching had begun to tame their wild impulsive nature, which otherwise would have been a constant menace to life.

These intrepid Missionaries, who carried the Christian Standard into the stronghold of Satan, and planted the Cross of the Redeemer upon the superstitions of paganism, were the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. The arduous labors of these devoted men recall the memory of the monks, who, in bygone ages, drained the swamps and cleared away the forests of Europe, and christianized our forefathers. The Oblates of Mary are a religious congregation, approved by the church, whose members make the three vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. They live in community, and follow under the guidance of a superior, rules approved by the highest ecclesiastical authority. Their object is