

INTERESTING SKETCH

of the establishment of Catholic Missions among the Indian Tribes of the Northwest.

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ASTONISHING AS IT MAY SEEM,

Here, at St. Ignatius, by the Mission press, has been issued a large octavo of seven hundred pages. It is a complete Indian-English Dictionary of the wonderful Kalispel language, which is spoken by the Flatheads and some fourteen other tribes west of the Rocky Mountains. Its get-up, if not perfect, is certainly very creditable considering that it is the work of Indian Missionaries, published in an Indian country, and, to a great extent, by Indian help and Indian labor. The work was commenced some thirty-nine years ago by Father G. Mengarini, a thorough Indian scholar and author of a grammar of the same language published years ago by the Smithsonian Institute, and was brought to completion by Rvd. J. Giorda, through heroic perseverance and truly herculean labor. The dictionary was published exclusively for the use of the Missionaries, with the exception of some fifty copies reserved for the larger libraries of Europe and America, that may wish to possess themselves of a book so rare and curious and so interesting to linguists.

HERE ALSO MAY BE MENTIONED

"Narratives from Scripture," another work in Kalispel, published at St. Ignatius in 1876, containing the gospels for every Sunday in the year, as also narratives from the Old Testament. Though much smaller in bulk and