

Congiato, and Brothers Joseph, Classens, Francis and Magri. Later on Fathers Giorda, Imoda, Caruana, Grassi, d'Aste, Kuppens, Van Gorp, Cutaldo and others came successively to swell the ranks of those who had already borne for a good while « the burden of the day and the heats. »

Of all these pioneers a number have gone to receive the reward of their labors. The others are still working in the vineyard of the Lord with undiminished courage, but greatly reduced in bodily strength by age, toil, hardships and ill usage, some in our midst, some in other fields of labor.

Among those who came earliest to the Rocky Mountains were

REV. A. RAVALLI,

an Italian by birth, whose name is a household word with every Montanian, at once a zealous missionary and a perfect mechanic, a learned theologian and a skillful physician, a true Samaritan of the Rocky Mountains, where for 38 years he has been easing the ills of life and doing good to everybody ; a true, genuine type of those sly, cunning and hated Jesuits who disturb the quiet slumbers of Messieurs De Bismarck, Grevy and Co., not excluding the worthy Secretary of our Navy, Hon. Geo. W. Thompson.

REV. J. MENETREY,

a native of Switzerland, well known throughout Montana and the adjacent Territories, the founder of several missions and a favorite with all classes of people, whites or Indians, and whose cheering smile and pleasant words have buoyed up many a heart, and Brothers Joseph and Classens, the former a German, the latter a Belgian, both perfect Jack-of-all-trades, and