

children who are receiving their education in the convents of the Sacred Heart, the Society is instructing over twelve thousand more in its poor schools. A remarkable clause in the Constitutions provides for the operation of a school for poor children in every centre where the members of the Society are at work.

The Ladies of the Sacred Heart are semi-cloistered ; their constitutions and rules being moulded after those of the Society of Jesus. Personal holiness is insisted on among Mother Barat's daughters, as well as the highest attainments in every branch of knowledge ; and it is an historical fact that many women, remarkable both for science and holiness, have lived and died in the Society of the Sacred Heart during the past hundred years.

The venerable foundress was spared to her Society for sixty-five years, and helped to spread its influence in various parts of the world. At her death, thirty-five years ago, she left one hundred houses and four thousand members of her community working unceasingly for the higher education of girls.

The Religious of the Sacred Heart have establishments in France, Spain, Italy, Belgium, Austria, England, Ireland, Scotland, Australia, New Zealand, Cuba, Porto Rico, South America, Mexico, the United States and Canada. There are, throughout the world to-day, one hundred and forty-two houses peopled by six thousand seven hundred Religious.

The Society was introduced into America, eighty years ago, by Mother Rose Duchesne. In the year 1818, this zealous woman arrived at St. Louis, and was cordially welcomed by the then bishop of the place, Mgr. Dubourg. Since that time the Society has continued to flourish on American soil, and at the present moment, there are in the western hemisphere six vicariates comprising nearly fifty convents and two thousand religious.

Mgr. Bourget, the saintly bishop of Montreal, brought