

THE CANADIAN CENTRAL DIRECTORATE AND MESSENGER.

IT is just three years since the first centre of the Holy League of the Sacred Heart, regularly organized under the new statutes of Leo XIII., was established in the Gesu Church, Montreal, for the benefit of English-speaking Canadians. Fortwith it began to spread into the neighboring parishes of the city, and extend into dioceses where the necessary episcopal sanction had been given. The Loretto convents of Ontario caught the flame, and soon became so many centres, whence devotion to the Sacred Heart radiated far and wide. The good example was taken up by the St. Joseph institutes and academies of Christian Brothers, and whole parishes, encouraged and exhorted by their pastors, asked and obtained filiation.

So marked has been the progress of the Holy League in Canada, and so bright appear its prospects, that the General Director has recently constituted a separate Central Directorate for English-speaking Canadians, without, however, infringing on the acquired privileges