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the practice of the Catholic Faith and of spreading a knowledge of what the Catholic religion really is. We aim to accomplish that by attending to three subjects:—Devotion, Instruction and Controversy. As regard Catholic devotion, it has been found in England that the agency of the Society has been most beneficial. It would be unreasonable to expect in a city like Ottawa, a field for very much exertion of that kind. We read that in England it has been instrumental in instructing the poor and uneducated in the primary truths of their religion. We read that many have been found unable to recite even prayers which all Catholic children in communities like this are taught. A field like that may not be open to us, but there are objects connected with the increase of the devotion aimed at by the Catholic Truth Society which we can accomplish even in a place like Ottawa where instruction is open to all. For example, in connection with the spread of devotion, we have the fact that the parent Society by tens of thousands has distributed an admirable prayer book, which costs but a penny each. Thousands of copies of the New Testament are placed within the reach of those who can pay six-pence for them. To others there is free distribution. In addition to this we have tens of thousands of tracts and leaflets printed for distribution at missions and on other occasions --many of these containing indulgenced prayers and other aids to devotion. Even in a community like this much may be done by placing aids to devotion within the reach of all.

The second object I have mentioned is instruction. There are in all communities, many Catholics who are quite satisfied to know that they believe what the Catholic Church believes and teaches. The fact