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of order and virtue. If the efforts of the benevolent founders of this establishment are seconded by the citizens of Quebec, a vast building already in progress of construction, will be finished next summer, and will enable these excellent nuns to become still more useful to the poorer class of society.

Within the last year Quebec has witnessed the erection of an institution destined to restore to virtue those unfortunate females who, by their wicked and depraved lives, have fallen into contempt and degradation. Some charitable ladies have formed themselves into a community, without, however, making any vows. They have courageously undertaken this repugnant task, and they have already succeeded in rescuing from prostitution 18 poor creatures, whom they shelter, whom they support and endeavour to restore to honour and religion.

Many other societies, due to the religious sentiment of Canadians, have been latterly organized in the diocese of Quebec, having at the same time for their object, material and moral ameliorations.

The most useful and most important of these institutions is, without contradiction, the Temperance Society, which has produced such immense benefits among our fellow countrymen. All true patriots contemplated with regret during many years, the frightful progress of intemperance among the Canadians; they deplored the disastrous effects which this vice had caused, and the consequences still more lamentable with which it threatened us in times to come. A portion of the population were making rapid strides towards demoralization, dishonour and ruin; and it needed a vigorous effort to arrest this current of evil. Some zealous priests, influenced by the spirit of true patriotism, attempted it, and with this view they organized an association whose members pledge themselves to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors. God shed abundant blessings on their labours; the temperance society has grown strong, it spreads far and wide in every direction, and it numbers at present more than 100,000 members in the diocese of Quebec.

The Society of the Propagation of the Faith, established in 1837, is already composed of 16,000 members. It has particularly for object to supply new establishments with spiritual aid, and to evangelize the aborigines of the country. By means of the

resources which it furnishes, missions are undertaken every year to the savages of Abitibi and of Mosse, a distance of 900 miles from Quebec; to the Round-Heads at the source of the St. Maurice, 600 miles from Quebec; to the Montagnais and the Naskapis, who inhabit the country to the North of the lower part of the St. Lawrence. These tribes, though speaking different dialects, belong to the great Algonquin nation, who occupied at the discovery of Canada the North-West portion of North America.

Within a few years, three colonization societies have been formed under the auspices of the Catholic Clergy. Two of these societies have commenced their operations on the borders of Lake St. John. The labors of the one are directed by the Rev. Mr. Boucher, curate of St. Ambroise; and of the other by the Rev. Mr. Hebert, curate of St. Paschal. A large extent of territory, will be ready in a short time to receive a part of the superabundant population of L'Islet, Kamouraska, and Saguenay. The third society under the superintendence of the Very Rev. Mr. Mailloux, has commenced to make a clearance in the Townships lying to the south of the St. Lawrence.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, founded in 1846, is employed in visiting and succouring the sick, and in procuring work for those fathers of families who are of themselves unable to find any.

#### DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

The diocese of Montreal was founded on the 13th of May, 1836. It is governed by Mgr. Ignace Bourget, who was consecrated under the title of bishop of Telmesse, the 25th July, 1837; and who became bishop of Montreal, the 23rd August, 1840. Mgr. J. C. Prince, his coadjutor, was consecrated bishop under the title of Martyropolis, the 25th July, 1845.

This diocese contains about 350,000 Catholics; 125 parishes canonically erected, and 12 missions. The Clergy is composed of 270 priests, including the members of different religious communities. The number of students in theology amounts to about 60.

A chapter has been established in the Cathedral. It is composed of four Canons of honour, four titular Canons, eight honorary Canons and three chaplains.

The colleges of Montreal, St. Hyacinthe, Assomption, St. Therese, Chambly and the Jesuit College, give a classical education to 900 students.