



AFTER A HUNDRED YEARS.

ON the twenty-first of November last, the Ladies of the Sacred Heart celebrated, throughout the world, the hundredth anniversary of the foundation of their Society. In the various Canadian houses of the community, and probably elsewhere as well, the memorable date was preceded by a preparatory triduum of thanksgiving for the blessings which God has showered down with lavish hand on the Society and its labors, during the past hundred years.

From its inception the Society has had a successful career. Although the mother-house has long since been in Paris, the little chapel still standing in rue de Touraine, Amiens, is rightly considered the cradle of the community. It was there that Madeleine Sophie Barat and her three companions, acting under the direction of Father Joseph Varin, S. J., consecrated themselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and laid the foundation of a teaching body of women which has done so much to advance the interests of God's kingdom in various parts of this earth.

The object Mother Barat had in view when she started out in her wonderful career, was the education of the children of families of high social standing. Her daughters have remained faithful to this programme; the Ladies of the Sacred Heart impart to their pupils and to all who come under their influence a touch of distinction and refinement peculiarly their own. But this special work was never allowed to interfere with the training of children hailing from the humbler classes. Besides the seven thousand