

necessarily, was for the most part made up of publications of the English Society, but included five Canadian items, of which, however, Dr. C'Sullivan's Essays alone bore the imprint of the Catholic Truth Society.

Another work which was initiated during this first year of the Society's existence in Canada was that of the church-vestibule rack. At the instance of the Executive, a suitable stand, inscribed with the Society's name and objects, and filled with publications procured from England, was placed in position at St. Basil's church. This proved the means of bringing the Society immediately before the public and of circulating its literature. The proportions to which the work has since grown need not here be enlarged upon. Suffice it to say that upwards of sixty stands of an improved pattern are now in position in as many different churches throughout Canada, and that interest in them is steadily growing.

In May, 1890, authorization was received from England, through Mr. James Britten, Honorary Secretary, to use the name "Catholic Truth Society of Canada." Mr. Britten at the same time conveyed the felicitations of our English brethren on the inception of the work here, and promised every assistance and support.

The Society as thus constituted continued in active operation until 1892, when, as if repeating the history of the English organization, it languished for a time. Through the indefatigable efforts, however, of Mr. Joseph J. Murphy, the publications were kept in circulation through St. Basil's Parish Library and through the mails. About 1899 a new start was made in the west end of Toronto, and a very active and efficient organization sprang into existence in St. Mary's parish. Meetings were held regularly and a great deal of literature circulated at the church door, through the mails, and by personal distribution. A new work also was ventured upon in the publication of a weekly newspaper called "The Impartial Witness", which during its few years' existence rendered important service in removing misconceptions of Catholic doctrine and offsetting hereditary pre-