

Catalogue of Jesuit Missionaries to New France and Louisiana, 1611-1800.

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PREFATORY NOTICE.

This Catalogue of the old Jesuit missionaries, who were sent out to New France or to Louisiana, is far from perfect, but there is every reason to believe that as a recension it is complete. The names of all those who set foot on the soil of Canada or who perished on the way figure in the list. This may be confidently asserted; for, seeing that the ground has been gone over so carefully and so repeatedly, it is morally certain that no one has escaped notice. Quite as much time and as much labor, possibly more, have been expended on the fixing of dates; but endless difficulties are met with in such work, and it is in this particular that the present catalogue falls short of perfection. Many of the existing uncertainties will no doubt be eventually settled, and gaps filled in; but time, much patience, and a voluminous correspondence will be the conditions of success. Had the archives and libraries of the Society not been pillaged and dispersed in 1763, and later and more ruthlessly in 1773, nothing would have been easier than to compile catalogues, not only of the missionaries of New France, but of those throughout the world.

As early as 1843, Reverend Father Felix Martin undertook to gather the scattered fragments of what