

our subscriptions coming in at once, we shall have much less correspondence during the year; at expense, because we shall know how many copies to get printed; hence we shall be pleased to get in as many as possible before Christmas, so as to know better how to regulate the January number.

Many of our kind agents have asked us for "The Voice" in French. We were afraid of the labour and expense and so far delayed the French edition, but at last our French copies are ready and we would ask our kind agents to put them in circulation as much as possible and thus to enlist the sympathy of French Catholics in our crusade of prayers. Our aim is to reach Heaven and to bring others to walk in the way thereto.

A PLEASANT TRIP.—It is quite a rare thing for the editor of "The Voice" to travel by land or water. But such was our pleasure on the 7th of September to be taken off on a sudden, by a dear fellow-clergyman as pleasing and condescending in travelling as he is dignified and attractive in ordinary life. Our trip only lasted three days, but it was three days of relaxation and rest. We returned quite refreshed, because for three days we had met with nothing unpleasant and annoying, but much that was pleasing and consoling. The delightful and picturesque scenery on our way from Montreal to Portland only prepared us for things more consoling to the heart of a priest; such as old friends, schools, progress of religion. At our arrival in Portland we made our way direct to the episcopal palace where we met with the most unfeigned kindness and affection by the Right Rev. Dr. Healy, Bishop of the diocese. Our heart felt keenly this kind reception, that sincere desire to please and serve an old friend as he so complacently called us; we were pleased also with his princely palace, his magnificent public hall and especially with the beauties of his cathedral, but nothing affected us so much as his Lordship's promising schools taught by the sisters and under the immediate control of his Lordship. The apartments are very roomy and furnished with every accommodation and facility. There are eight classes attended by about 500 children. These good children were very interesting, neat and clean, candid and mannerly, and sang beautifully. The school is free and all are urged to be assiduous.

Evidently his Lordship is the father here, every child seems to know him and to be known by him. The love of the Bishop for these dear children forcibly reminded us of our younger days when 30 years ago the same Dr. Healy was our professor in Montreal College and was loved by all, which is much to say of a professor of college boys of various nationalities!

His Lordship kindly took a walk with us through the city and, at his suggestion we paid a visit to another old fellow student, the good and respected Father Brady pastor of Biddeford, close by Old Orchard Beach. Father Brady is a good man, somewhat advanced in years and declining in health and it was our pleasure to discover that Father Brady is highly respected by a large circle of friends, Catholics and Protestants and he has lived to see Religion make grand progress in his parish. Formerly the Catholics were in a very great minority and now they form an overwhelming majority. We left dear Father Brady with a desire and a hope of seeing him again.

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