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TO OUR READERS.

Before all our readers will have received this February number of THE VOICE, the novena of Masses promised will have been said, as it begins on the 28th January. We rejoice that so many have availed themselves of this advantage, and have not only secured for another year the blessings of good reading, but have shared in the unbounded merits of the holy sacrifice, offered nine times for their spiritual benefit, and more especially to obtain for them the inestimable grace of a happy death. Is it not the sweetest consolation for every member of THE VOICE to know that he has the fairest possible hopes of dying happy, since he has the sacrifice of the Mass offered every month to obtain that blessing, besides the novena in January. We are not surprised that many renewed their subscription in January, though it was only due at the end of the year—thus to make sure of a share in that general and powerful supplication. We offer our warmest thanks to our kind agents, for the extra trouble they have taken on this occasion. All of them, with a very few exceptions, have exerted themselves considerably to make known the advantages of the novena; have obtained the renewal of a large number of subscriptions, and secured long lists of new subscribers. We trust that in 1882 our grand union of prayer and good reading will be, at least, as prosperous as in 1881. We are glad to see that many subscribers have induced others to join, and have become active agents in localities where none existed. With this general good-will and with God's blessing, our good work, cheap as it is, will prosper.