

ANOTHER FINE SKETCH.

NORTHERN ITALY AND ITS CITIES.

VENICE AND THE GRAND CANAL—THE VARIOUS CHURCHES ALONG ITS BANKS—BOLOGNA AND ITS ATTRACTIONS—FLORENCE, THE CENTRE OF ART AND BEAUTY.

[WRITTEN FOR THE TRUE WITNESS, BY JOSEPH W. HECKMAN, C. E.]

The Grand Canal was enjoyed immensely one beautiful fine day. Along this canal are followed in rapid succession beautiful palaces and other notable buildings. This canal, the longest and principal one of Venice, is some two miles in length, and from one to two hundred feet in width, the means to get along it being very easy.

Along this main thoroughfare are seen some very fine churches, as S. Maria della Salute, S. Vidal, S. Eustachio, Friari, of Gothic style, one of the largest and most beautiful in Venice. Oftentimes I would leave the Grand Canal and wander along its side branches, visiting many churches, all of which are of beautiful design, such as S. Sebastiano, S. Stephano, and the one of the Jesuits.

Before leaving Venice I visited one of the celebrated glass manufactories, which was very interesting, where can be seen articles of various designs, made most ingeniously out of glass, which is a special Venetian sight to the tourist.

Bologna has a population of 142,000, and is one of the ancient and most important Italian towns, its foundation dating some few hundred years before the Christian era. It has some 150 churches and monasteries, the latter comprising ten per cent., besides a celebrated university.

The first of the two days spent here was as follows: Assisted at a low Mass in the Cathedral, after which viewed, as was my usual custom, the Cathedral, architecture and its decorations; afterwards the churches of Padri di Galliera, San Petronio, a very large one, its original length was to have been 600 feet, but its present one is only some 400 feet.

ask your acceptance of it, and to assure my separated brethren in this audience that I have spoken from a sincere respect for the Protestant ministers of Ontario, many of whom I have the honor to know, and among them are those that I am privileged to call my friends.

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fine frescoes, I returned to the hotel, near the Piazza Victor Emmanuel, and prepared leaving for Florence.

The Railway line from Bologna to Florence is most picturesque, giving to the traveller some fine panoramic views from the train, especially as we are upon the height of land, and descending circuitously to the low lands, as the line has been so located for easy grades.

Hearing always so much of Florence, of course I expected to see a lot, and I may here say, the ten days I gave to this beautiful city, I was more than satisfied with what I saw. Its population comprises some 200,000. This fine city has been so beautifully described by so many writers, that it would be absurd for me even to attempt it.

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FATHER CONATY'S ADDRESS. The pavilion was filled on Monday morning when the last day's session of the Pan-American congress began. The first speaker was Rev. Father T. J. Conaty, Worcester, Mass., who addressed the meeting on Catholic Schools.

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GEMS OF THOUGHT.

Many compliments are merely charities. Commonsense never was considered very fashionable. Watch the public official who considers criticism an insult.

The highest wisdom consists in giving oneself up to the practice of good works, watching over oneself, and meditating on the judgments of God.—St. Francis of Assisi.

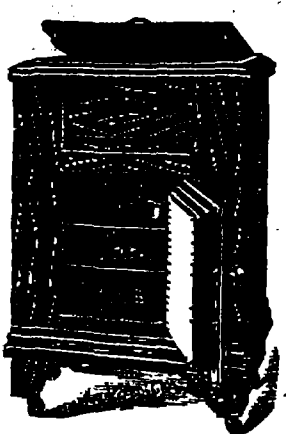
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