

much to mould the thought and control the political destiny of the people under their spiritual care. The universities, colleges and schools are mainly directed by the religious orders. The priests, it must be admitted, have been very active workers. No Protestant clergymen have been able to compete with them in exercising a powerful influence over the Indian population. The early annals of Canada prove that they have endured famine, privation, and death for the sake of the religion they have laboured to establish. Tender women, highly educated and nurtured in noble families, were the founders of the female educational institutions which have spread throughout Canada, in the English as well as French cities and towns.

Canada, too, has her Notre Dame de Lourdes, to whose shrine the faithful flock by thousands. Some twenty miles east of Quebec, on the banks of the St. Lawrence, is the Church of Ste. Anne de Beaupré, or as the Saint is more popularly known, *la bonne Ste. Anne*, who has won fame in Canada for miraculous cures for two centuries at least. It is a very picturesque scene when the pilgrims assemble by thousands at the shrine. If an European stranger wishes to make himself familiar with the most striking phases of Canadian life, he should not fail to spend a few hours at this celebrated resort, where the religious phenomena of the Old World are fully reproduced among a devout peasantry of the New.

It is difficult to say whether the trip by land or that by water affords the greater pleasure. Each has a charm of its own, though that by water has probably the more varied. As we leave the wharf at Quebec at an early hour in the morning, the river presents a most interesting panorama of changing scenes peculiar to this part of the St. Lawrence. The mural-crowned heights of the ancient capital, up which straggle the quaint stone buildings, stand out prominently from every point of view. Steam-tugs move up and down the stream with great rapidity, and lend their assistance to heavily laden craft. Stately passenger steamers pass slowly through the large fleet of shipping anchored in the river. Rafts of timber are propelled by bronzed lumber-