

among whom was Brother Stratonique, the assistant of the Superior General of the Institute. The sacred ceremonies, the prayers and numerous visits of the pilgrims and parishioners to gain the indulgence of the Portioncula made the shrine on that day a vestibule of paradise.

Towards evening the *Three Rivers* came with 1200 pilgrims from *L'Avenir*, and surrounding parishes. A great many priests and religious accompanied the pilgrims. This splendid pilgrimage had been organized as usual by Rvd Mr. Milot, the pastor of *L'Avenir*. The pious pilgrims entered the basilica to the singing of hymns and the strains of a powerful brass band. Their torchlight procession was particularly fine: thousands of tapers wound in fiery columns through the paths while prayer and sacred chants alternated with the harmonious strains of the band.



Week from the 5th to the 12th August. — What spectacle can be more touching than that of a thousand men praying together aloud and trampling human respect under foot? Thanks to the zeal of the Reverend Oblate Fathers we had an opportunity on Sunday the 5th August of witnessing one of such truly imposing scenes: 1100 men from *Montreal* were gathered together that day in the shrine of the *Thaumaturga*. Physicians, lawyers and aldermen were to be found in their ranks. Rvd Father Pelletier, O. M. I., was the organizer and director of this magnificent pilgrimage. The religious offices were celebrated with truly remarkable solemnity and animation. A choir of forty voices sang the liturgical chants to perfection. Music, processions, the pilgrims' piety, miraculous cures, all contributed to make this pilgrimage one of the finest of the season.

On the same Sunday a second pilgrimage came to us by train under the charge of the indefatigable Oblate Fathers. It was that of the parish of *St Sauveur, Quebec*. The pilgrims numbered 1,000 and all displayed the most edifying piety.

These numerous pilgrims had barely left the shrine when the wharf already re-echoed with the chanting of 700 pilgrims from *Ste Anne de la Pérade* and 350 others from *Ste Croix* who arrived at *Beaupré* about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. In the evening they had a sermon, a splendid torchlight procession, and on the following day, after receiving holy communion and venerating the relic of the *Thaumaturga*, they returned happy and content to their homes.

On Tuesday the 7th August, the *Three Rivers* brought the annual pilgrimage from the diocese of *Albany* under Monsignor Dugas, apostolic