

change took place. At the end of the novena, Maxime was restored to perfect health, the light of intelligence once more beamed in his eye. When the happy day of his "first Communion" arrived, it is needless to say with what fervor, holy joy and profound gratitude he approached the altar, having Mary Immaculate for his guide.

This cure took place in 1863; he is now fourteen years of age, and has ever since enjoyed perfect health. He is now studying at the College of Carsonne.

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For more than a year past Montreal has had the glory and happiness of possessing a sanctuary dedicated to our Lady of Lourdes. It is situated, as it were, under ground, in a low and obscure place; but on entering its precincts one is struck with religious respect, and a feeling of fervent piety pervades the soul. This pious but humble sanctuary is situated in the basement of the magnificent church dedicated to St. James.

Thus did this devotion to our Lady of Lourdes take birth in Montreal, as in the Pyrenees, in a lowly crib; here in a subterranean chapel, as there in the hollow of a rock. Humility, the unobtrusive Spirit of Bethlehem, such is the signet with which God seems to stamp His most admirable works. Like to the grain of mustard seed, they grow and produce fruits of life and salvation.