

another of St. Joseph, and finally, another one of St. Anne, form almost all the ornamentation of this sanctuary, where the faithful come with such lively confidence, to pour forth fervent prayers, to beg favors, to receive benefits, both spiritual and bodily, which the Saint is pleased to distribute to those who invoke her with a sincere heart.

During many years, the chapel of St. Mary's was, principally for the region of Beauce, a place of pilgrimage for the devout clients of St. Anne. The *ex-votos* exposed in the sanctuary bear witness to the religious spirit of the people and to the Saint's credit. Witnesses of the numberless graces due to St. Anne's intercession, the pastors of St. Mary's obtained from the Holy See and from the Archbishop of Quebec, spiritual favors to be enjoyed by those who repair to this shrine. All these precious means of encouragement to piety have contributed to maintain devotion, and the fervor of the people of Beauce has not grown weak. The following is the assertion of an eye-witness.

"The feast of St. Anne has always been celebrated with great pomp and the concourse of all the parishes of Beauce and of the neighboring county. The devotion of the faithful of this section of Beauce has not decreased, for we see a great number of its inhabitants come as pilgrims during the summer to Good Saint Anne of Beauce. The Blessed Sacrament is kept there from the first of May to All Hallows, and there is an indult extending to the months of July and August a plenary indulgence which formerly could be gained only on the day of St. Anne's feast. Every Monday and Thursday, from the first of May to the first of November, a low Mass is said there, and more frequently, it is a high mass that is chanted for the advantage of the faithful who come in large numbers as pilgrims to the chapel. During the whole summer season, the affluence is always considerable....."

It is a common belief among the inhabitants of Beauce that the county has often been preserved by