

we do meet more frequently is the incredulous Thomas whose vacillating faith hesitates to accept miracles, readily assigning them to effects of natural causes.

Protestant physicians themselves have been forced to admit that cures beyond human skill have been wrought here. After a visit to the shrine, one of them writes : "I believe that the miracles attributed to St. Anne are authentic, and if in the past wonders have been wrought, they are renewed frequently before our eyes in her sanctuary." (1)

But it does not follow from this that all miracles attributed to St. Anne are authentic. Error and illusion are possible here as they are in all other things ; however, we have chosen cures certified to by physicians or bearing the attestation of the priest as most worthy of consideration.

"That marvelous cures have really been wrought at the sanctuary of Beaupré is a fact that nobody can reasonably call into question. Sceptics may smile and scoffers sneer, but they can offer no explanation of the phenomena. Let them exclaim that the cures proceed from nervous exaltation, and straightway the infant in arms is the subject of a cure. Let them say that the cures are more imaginary than real, and they are answered by the voice of the deaf-mute for the first time breaking silence. There is indeed but one explanation possible, the Almighty permits that through the prayers of this great servant, cures shall be wrought and

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(1) A lady from the United States had long suffered martyrdom from neuralgia. Already four doctors had uselessly tried to relieve her. She consulted a fifth, a Protestant, who, to her great astonishment, gave her the following advice. "Give up, Madam, all hopes in human remedies, and consult Doctor Ste. Anne de Beaupré. They say she belongs to your religion : she will probably cure you ; for she alone is able to do so." Another Protestant physician has asked for the same Doctor's address, wishing to submit to her some difficult cases.