

especially with reference to the visiting of districts and the care of the poor. (1) But during that quarter of a century, what a number of services were rendered to the town by that confraternity.

VIII. The members shall whenever and in such manner as they please and without any compulsion or human respect, contribute to two things : 1st to the necessary expenses for the maintenance of St. Anne's chapel and altar and the masses and services to be said and performed there ; 2nd to the relief of the poor, especially those who are in urgent need ; and after these to certain charitable works of great extent in accordance with the practice of the most honorable confraternities of Christendom, regard being had to the condition and disposition of the country. The first contribution shall be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the confraternity and the second into those of the Almoner.

IX. As the practice of good works, especially of mercy and of brotherly charity, is the fruit of devotion and one of the characteristics thereof, the Mothers of the Poor shall be careful to get as many as they can, to unite with them in doing the good which they find they can do to the needy, not contenting themselves with applying the alms of members to the needs they may meet, but endeavoring to procure for their colleagues the merits to be gained by devoting oneself thereto with all the strength of one's body and soul.

X. When any member dies, the others shall assist him not only by visits and other succor during his illness, with regard to his body, but still more with regard to his soul, before and after his death by prayers and other suitable good works, and all members who can conveniently do so, shall attend the funeral, walking two by two with lights when any are provided, causing a special service to be sung for him in the chapel of the confraternity and, each one shall recite a rosary for the repose of his soul, in addition of receiving communion and performing such good works for the relief of the dead as may be proposed on that occasion. These statutes shall be read out every month at the end of St. Anne's mass and moreover the officers shall have special rules which shall be given them by the Intendant when they are elected.

(Archives of the Archbishopric of Quebec.)

(1) BY-LAWS AND STATUTES OF THE CONFRATERNITY OF ST. ANNE.

I. This Confraternity was instituted to honor St. Anne, the Mother of the Blessed Virgin and the Ancestress of Jesus ; to place itself under her protection and to participate in the prayers of the Confraternity during one's life and after one's death.

II. It shall consist both of master joiners and of the other honorable and moral persons who shall elect the two masters who are to be as the churchwardens thereof.

III. They shall meet every year on the day following St. Anne's feast, after mass ; they shall elect a new master by ballot and he who goes out of office shall render account into the hands of the pastor of the parish or of another ecclesiastic, appointed by the Bishop as director of the Confraternity, in the presence of the other masters.