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CURE OF GENEVIEVE RIGAULT

Of Cote de Beaupre

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This miraculous cure is told by Mr. Soumande, who was then pastor of St. Anne de Beaupre.

GENEVIEVE RIGAULT, wife of Mr. Têtu, captain of militia of the Côte de Beaupré, had for over twenty years, but especially for the past three years, been afflicted with a disease which cannot in decency be mentioned. For the past three years she had not a half day's rest. Wishing to get some medicine herself without speaking to a physician, she took some which was just the contrary to that which her disease required; this brought on another mortal disease. When her husband saw her so altered and in serious danger, he wanted to know something about her illness so as to be able to tell the physician. But she, being afraid to tell of the evil effects of the medicines she had taken of her own accord, asked her husband to consult the doctor about her original sickness. All the physicians stated, without hesitation, that she could not recover. Finding that she could not live very long and that human aid could be of no avail, she resolved to have recourse to heaven. Inspired with devotion for and confidence in St. Anne, she had herself conveyed, not without great difficulty, to the church of Petit Cap, where she made a novena with such devotion that on the sixth day she felt herself quite cured. She was afraid, however, to tell anybody, for she was herself much surprised and feared that perhaps she was not really cured. On that day, as I was passing Mr. Lessart's house where she was living, I inquired about her illness. She answered with a smile: "If I dared to admit it, I should say that I am quite cured, for I have