

to the pretty church of St. Jean, Island of Orleans, a priest advanced in years slowly proceeded on his way to perform his quarter of an hour's adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

This was Mr Blouin, the former pastor of Ste Anne. He was walking along the cemetery wall, doubtless murmuring a prayer for the dead, when he was seized with a sudden faintness which compelled him to sit down until a friend came and led him back to his house. This was a warning of his approaching end. A painful illness endured with edifying patience and resignation was the crucible in which God finished purifying His servant. Our community on being notified of the patient's condition hastened to send a Father to convey the expression of our sympathy and affection. He could not be insensible to this action which recalled so many remembrances to his mind. A smile hovered on his lips, his eyes filled with tears : « Ah St. Anne, he said, St. Anne ! » and detaching his gold watch with the pilgrim's Cross on the chain, he handed it to the Father as a gift to St. Anne. The present was not without its meaning ; the hours of the patient were numbered ; his earthly pilgrimage was about to end and death would soon break the bonds that held his soul captive. Mr Blouin gave up his soul to God on the 5th October in the sixty sixth year of his age.

« Lord Jesus grant eternal rest unto him who has labored so greatly ; may his good works, undertaken for the glory of God and of St. Anne, receive the reward they deserve ! » Such was our prayer at the funeral of this priest who has left his mark on the list of our venerated predecessors ; such was the supplication addressed to heaven by the parishioners of Beaupré who came in great numbers to attend the solemn service celebrated in the Basilica for their former pastor. Such also, we have no doubt, will be the prayer of our subscribers and pilgrims in favor of St. Anne's servant.

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