

ACCOUNT OF A FIRE

ON the Saturday before the feast of St. Anne 1895, the ladies of St. Anne's sodality in the church of St. Joseph, at Natick R. I., were making a novena in her honor. The Altar had been handsomely decorated with numerous lights and flowers, amidst which reposed a basket of one hundred and fifty petitions made by the Ladies during their prayers. The people left the church before nine o'clock. At ten o'clock the young Ladies who had care of the Sanctuary left the church in perfect order with no sign of fire anywhere. On entering the church, early Sunday morning, what was their dismay to see the Altar which they had left so sweetly decorated one mass of ashes, and broken vases, while the Statue of St. Anne which was covered with a veil of fine lace, bore not one sign of fire or scorch. The altar rail which is of hard wood was burnt an inch and a half deep in three places. The carpet was burnt and scorched. And what we all considered a miracle was, how did such a fire begin and consume itself and go out unless St. Anne extinguished it herself. In public thanks for her goodness in saving the church, the priest who was acting in Father Meenan's absence, said a high mass of thanksgiving to St. Anne.

The amount of Insurance received was \$ 65.00, so you see that we had quite a fire, and, while the altar table and front of Tabernacle were all burned and scorched, the veil of St. Anne was not even marked by smoke.



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Amsterdam, N. Y., March 26th 1899 : "Thanks to St. Anne who has cured my mother, provided my father with work, and delivered me from a severe pain in my side." A grateful Subscriber.

Auburn, N. Y., March 15: « Please find enclosed the stipend of a mass of thanksgiving to St. Anne for favors received. » A Subscriber.

Blaine, Minn., March 16 : « I wish to express my thanks for two favors obtained. » P. L.

Boston, Mass, March 30 : « Thanks to St. Anne for a favor obtained. » Off.
\$2.00, P. G.