

When I was two years old, I was afflicted with hernia which was reduced for a while by the physician, but which, when I was eight years of age, re-appeared with such a serious character that every effort made to reduce it was in vain. I could no longer play, nor carry weights, nor get into a vehicle alone.

« This condition of infirmity and helplessness lasted several years. I was all the more sorry for it that I felt an inclination for the priesthood, and I knew very well that that disease would be an insurmountable obstacle to my vocation. But the kindness and pity of St Ann are inexhaustible. I prayed to her and promised, as long as I remained in Quebec, to make a pilgrimage every year from that city to St Anne de Beaupré, if she granted me the cure that the physicians were unable to effect.

« St Ann expected my application. In fact I was suddenly and completely cured on one of those pilgrimages ; so much so, that the disease has never yet made its re-appearance, notwithstanding the fatigues of my ministry. »

« Glory to St Anne. »

CRUTCHES LEFT IN 1886

AN interesting cure, that has not yet been published, was that of a talented young lawyer, who resided in Quebec in 1886.

While studying at the Seminary, he had a fall which so affected the muscles and sinews of his legs that he was soon compelled to use crutches.

He tried every human means to obtain his cure, but all the physicians' efforts were in vain. Our poor young man saw before his eyes the terrible prospect of having to drag himself about on crutches all his life.

But he had confidence in St Ann. He promised her that, if he were cured, he would make the pilgrimage from Quebec to St Anne with his crutches in his hands ! St Ann cured him. He gave up his crutches one after the other, and then made his interesting pilgrimage.

To this very day, those two crutches can be seen suspended near the entrance of the shrine. He has himself pointed them out to us.

