

It had lasted four hours, for at its close noon rang out from the large Basilica clock.

His Eminence granted a year's indulgence to whoever should visit the Basilica that day and a hundred days of indulgence on the day of the anniversary which is fixed for October 3rd.

His Lordship the Bishop of Chicoutimi, with the *Curé* of Quebec as assistant-priest, and with Abbé Pagé and Abbé Roy as ministers, sang the high-mass.

The Basilica of St Anne is now consecrated and has one more claim to our veneration. Let us by our ardent desires and prayers hasten the time when the Holy See will vouchsafe to grant us the precious indulgences accorded to the visit of the seven Basilicas of Rome or the seven altars of St Peter's.

We can not close this account without giving the following beautiful prayer from the ritual, which prayer was sung by the Pontiff during the consecration.

"May Thy priests, O Lord, here offer Thee a sacrifice of praise. May Thy faithful here perform their vows. We pray Thee, O Lord, that in this house, by the grace of the Holy Ghost (and we will add, 'by the intercession of the good St. Anne'), the sick may recover their health, the infirm regain their strength, the lame be cured, the lepers be healed, the blind regain their sight, the demons be put to flight."

Is not this the history of the past in the Basilica and at the shrine? How can we doubt that what has already happened will happen again in the future? For faith is renewed when brought into contact with the sacred relics of St. Anne, and faith, like charity, can do all things.

May the tide of pilgrims ever increase. May all Canada, all America hasten to render homage to that God who is so admirable in His Saints. May all hasten to ask St. Anne to give them proofs of her power with God. May no one ever return home empty-handed, but may all go on their way singing.