

signor Dugas, apostolic prothonotary, of Cohoes, N. Y., and a number of of the clergy occupied the chancel.

After mass, the French sermon was preached by Rev. Father Alfred Rhéaume of our house in Montréal, and the English sermon by Rev. Father Stern Rector of our house in Buffalo.

We give below a summary of the English sermon. The preacher dwelt at length on the praises and confidence due to St. Anne and on the conditions required for obtaining her favors.

In the afternoon, solemn vespers were chanted followed by a procession in which the « Great Relic » of St. Anne was borne. On the return of the procession, Benediction was chanted, after which all the pilgrims came, one by one, to venerate the holy relic placed in the new reliquary.

If St. Anne always shows herself the devoted mother of the Canadians, the latter, on their part, have proved on the day of her feast that they deem it an honor and a duty to show that they are truly her children.



**Sermon of Rev. Father Stern.** — The Rev. Father Stern, C. S. R., who came with the pilgrimage, preached the sermon. He first congratulated the pilgrims on their great number and the piety displayed, in coming from such a distance to honor St. Anne, famous on account of her dignity, her sanctity, her power and goodness. Her titles demand our veneration and confidence and must excite us to sincere devotion. But to obtain favors from our great Saint, several dispositions are required: we must avoid sin and its occasions, we must pray with confidence and perseverance: the thousands of cures wrought at the shrine, shown by the stack of crutches and other appliances left in the sacred edifice, are the result of persevering prayer. The Rev. Father concluded his sermon by exhorting his hearers to practice an unfailling devotion to St. Anne. Her power of intercession is great with God, and what she has in the past obtained for others, she can now obtain for her devoted children who are now present in pilgrimage.



**Pilgrims and pilgrimages.** — We continue the list of pilgrimages from the 17<sup>th</sup> July to the 15<sup>th</sup> August.

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17<sup>th</sup> (continued). Hardly had the *Minneapolis* pilgrimage left, than