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The First Cures

1662-1667

**Account given by Mr. Thomas Morel, first
resident parish priest of St. Anne
de Beaupre.**

This account, which bears the approval of Monseigneur Laval, opens with the following preliminary reflections :

From all time God has chosen some churches among others wherein, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, the Angels and Saints, He opens wide the treasury of his mercies, and works many miracles He does not work elsewhere. In our day, He seems to have chosen the church of Ste Anne du Petit Cap (1) as a favorable asylum and a sure refuge for the Christians of the New World. He has placed in the hands of that Saint a treasure of graces and blessings which she dispenses liberally to all who devoutly pray to her at that spot. It is assuredly for the same object that He has inspired the hearts of all with a singular devotion and an extraordinary confidence in the protection of that great Saint. Consequently our people have recourse to her in all their needs and receive most signal and most extraordinary aid from her, as may be seen by the miracles that have been worked there in the past six years.

(1) Name formerly given to the parish of *St. Anne*. It was towards the year 1840, that the expression *Ste. Anne de Beaupre*, or merely *La Bonne Ste. Anne* began to be used.