

suffering man and he arose and walked. All that day he related his experience to the crowds of eager listeners that gathered about him. This was told us on our arrival at saint-Anne's, the event having taken place the day before.

The most picturesque sight one can see at Beaupré is the arrival of a night-pilgrimage. We were told that several hundred people from a northern parish were expected in the late afternoon. The place had been filled during the morning with pilgrims from Ottawa, but now that they had departed, anxious eyes were gazing up the Saint-Lawrence for the first glimpse of the boat that was to bring the next pilgrimage. The priests informed us that it might be expected between 5 and 6 o'clock, and before that time many had made their way down to the dock to receive the pilgrims. The afternoon wore away, the sun set and darkness came on. The great church was hushed, and, save for the candles about the shrine, was unilluminated. People crossed the little circle of light and disappeared in the darkness. A few of the faithful tiptoed about, paused at the shrine, knelt at the altar, told their beads and vanished. A general air of expectation pervaded the place.

About 9 o'clock the red and green lights of a boat were visible far up the river. A little group of priests formed upon the church steps to watch their approach, while three of their number left to welcome the pilgrims. The lights drew nearer. The engine-room signals of the steamer were audible as she moved slowly up to make the landing. A few torches gleamed upon the dock; the people were coming ashore. After a few moments a long, black wavering line might have been distinguished against the pallid face of the river, and the sound of a single voice rose on the night air, singing the hymn to saint Anne. Three or four lines and then from the distance came the chorus in unison :

« Daignez saint Anne, en un si beau jour,
De vos enfants agréer l'amour ! »

The priest's voice took up the air again; a moment more and the great chorus swelled forth, nearer this time and sung by the women only. As it ceased the sturdy voices of the men