

from the 1st January to the 15th May was about 3,000. On the 14th May we received the visit of His Lordship Bishop J. C. McDonald of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and that of Bishop Gravel, of Nicolet.



A model pilgrimage. — In the last number we alluded to the first pilgrimage of the season; it deserves special mention. On the 26th April, about 6.30 p. m., the pilgrimage from St. Tite in the county of Champlain arrived, with those of the parishes of Grand'Mère, Ste Flore, St. Jacques, St. Theodore, St. Severin, St. Raphael, St. Thecle, etc. under the direction of Rev. J. B. Grenier, pastor of St. Tite. Rev. Fathers Barolet and Wittebolle had prepared the pilgrims by a triduum; 700 responded to the call. The pastors of the various parishes accompanied their respective pilgrims. The pilgrims were conveyed over the Lower Laurentian Railway. The train left Shawinigan at 10.30 in the morning and reached Ste Anne about 6.30 p. m.

The weather was beautiful; St. Anne smiled upon her pilgrims. The long journey was sanctified by prayers and the singing of hymns. What a joy it was to hear the cars resound with the singing of the finest hymns, under the direction of Rev. M^r Lemay. Hearts were gladdened on hearing the *Magnificat*, *Ave Maris Stella*, *Laudate Dominum* and also hymns in the French language. The best choristers of the various parishes formed a splendid choir.

What joy when Ste Anne de Beaupré was at last reached. For the first time, this year, the great bell, the *Pilgrims' Bell*, launched its solemn notes towards heaven to greet the pilgrims. The Basilica was opened wide to receive them. Rev. Father Barolet made the announcements; Rev. Father Hoyois preached the sermon followed by the Blessing of the Most Blessed Sacrament and confessions were heard until 10 p. m.

The first mass was said at 5 a. m. and High Mass at 7 a. m. It was celebrated by Rev. M^r Beaudet, pastor of Grand'Mère, assisted by M^r Jannelle and M^r Boulay. The organ of the Basilica accompanied the Bordelaise mass sung in a masterly manner. It was beautiful and edifying to see all these pilgrims praying at St. Anne's feet; it was still more touching to witness the general communion. An hour before the departure, objects of devotion were blessed; the chief sermon was preached followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and veneration of St. Anne's relic. The pious