

present this cure as a miracle, I cannot help regarding it as a supernatural favor, and as a very great grace, due to Our Lady of Lourdes.

Full of gratitude, I have then fulfilled my vow. I have had the happiness of venerating that sacred grotto, still balmy with the fragrance of the Mother of God. And as I wished to leave at that blessed shrine, a little offering in token of my gratitude and love, I promised Our Lady of Lourdes to collect in a little popular work, within reach of all minds and of all purses, the wonders that the divine mercy has deigned to accomplish in that place.

It is this little work that I now place at the feet of the Blessed Virgin in the grotto of Lourdes, and which I here offer to your piety, my dear reader.

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THE FAVORED GROTTO OF LOURDES.

Lourdes is a pretty little Pyrenese town, in the diocese of Tarbes. Prior to the marvels which we are about to relate, Lourdes was little known except for its excellent chocolate.

At some distance from the town, towards the west arises an almost perpendicular wall of rocks, known in the neighborhood as the rocks