

Another sign of the awakening of this devotion and of this leaning of hearts towards St Anne, is visible in the associations and fervent confraternities placed under her patronage ; it is her glorious name which may be seen more and more frequently inscribed in baptismal registers of parishes. Nowhere, perhaps, does this impulse seem more marked in all Provence, than in the city of Marseilles. Besides a parish and an orphanage, directed by nuns, the city already numbers four congregations devoted to her worship. That of the *Mission of France* has received from Pius IX the title and privileges of an arch-confraternity. Many remarkable conversions have taken place, and many other spiritual favors have been obtained in the chapels where these different associations meet, and they all prepare for the feast day of their august Patroness by a retreat and well attended religious exercises. We would like to see the revival of this devotion extend as markedly in the remainder of France. it would be the very consoling symptom of her religious future. The graces which that sweet mother lavishes in the South, would she refuse them to the North, if she there found equally devoted sons? Alas! we must confess it, there are cities and villages where she is almost unknown to the mass of Christians, or, to say the least, forgotten by the greater number. In how many parishes does not her feast go by unnoticed, even in places where she was formerly invoked with fervor? Such forgetfulness and indifference depend, no doubt, on causes altogether local, on industrial preoccupations, on scandals which have ruined for a long time the faith and the flower of piety in some parishes, but, happily, the evil has not yet attained the mass of the dioceses of France. Besides, a powerful cause contributes to restrict such indifference more and more ; it is the spreading of religious congregations in the least of our towns, and even in our country-parishes. It is known that these associations have adopted St. Anne