

judgment or rather a colossal calumny. There are enough of other things that are *fin de siècle* ! At 6 P. M. a train of 11 cars, coming from the shores of *Lake St John*, brought to the doors of the shrine 700 pilgrims under the direction of Rvd J. B. Vallée, pastor of St Jérôme, Lake St John, and some fifteen other priests from that district. Seven hundred persons packed for a whole day in 11 cars ! Assuredly these good people did not undertake this journey for pleasure. But they have faith ; they have unbounded confidence in Good St Anne ; many of them are animated with gratitude to Her who never ceases to distribute her favors to them and their hearts will not rest satisfied until they have thanked her in her shrine. Hardly have they passed the threshold of the Basilica than their fatigue is forgotten. They have promised a triumph to the Thaumaturga and this very evening it will be done. At 7.30 all hasten to the church, each one lights his torch and the procession slowly winds through the alleys of the grounds. St Anne's statue, borne on a frame by four pilgrims, is surrounded by the clergy. The evening is quite calm ; not a breath of wind causes the flame of the six hundred tapers to flicker ; it looks like a fire winding over a plain. Ardent prayers ascend to heaven ; the reciting of the rosary, invocations to St Anne and hymns succeed one another without interruption. The light shed by the tapers produces a fine effect on the statues in the grounds ; they stand out in the half-light like apparitions of heavenly spirits that have come to be witnesses of the pilgrims' fervor and to record in the archives of eternity the last pilgrimage of the 19th century.

Suddenly the bells ring out loudly The prayer rises to a powerful clamor seeking to do violence to heaven. The hour is a solemn one and the spectacle magnificent ; it leads one's thoughts to the final triumph of the Judge of the living and the dead when he will re-enter his Kingdom escorted by the numberless army of the elect. Finally the bells are hushed and the procession enters the Basilica to the strains of the *Magnificat*.

Rvd Father Rector pronounces from the pulpit a touching consecration to Good St Anne ; then all chant the *Tantum ergo*, accompanied by the organ, and the priest gives the benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Confessions are heard up to ten o'clock.

On the following morning at 5.30 the pilgrims press around the Holy Table and masses are said at the various altars. At 8 a. m. high mass is celebrated by Rvd Mr Lizotte, a former pastor of Roberval ; two priests act as deacon and subdeacon while two others in copes.