

and even to Lourdes itself. For the pilgrimage of Lourdes is fed by the large Catholic countries of Europe, whilst St. Anne of Beaupré can be visited only by the French Canadians of Canada, and of the Northern States, by the Acadians, and the few small groups of English-speaking Catholics who have heard St. Anne spoken of, that is to say, by a population of about two and a half millions of souls scattered over an immense territory.

And St. Anne graciously accepts their acts of devotion, and rewards them for their piety by numberless favors. Each issue of the *Annals*, particularly of the French edition, publishes them by hundreds, and they excite the astonishment of the very guardians of the shrine of Auray. As for St. Anne of Apt, the difference in the concourse of pilgrims and the number of wonders wrought is still greater in favor of the Canadian pilgrimage. The *prestige* of such ancient places of pilgrimage has more or less paled with the decrease of faith, and Europe is perhaps threatened, as the East was of yore, with seeing St. Anne seeking new clients on distant shores, and transferring to a foreign clime the marvels of her motherly compassion.

May this reflection, dear readers, far from exciting our pride, rather serve us as a warning and a lesson. Let us watch over the preservation of our faith and morals, let us beware of subversive doctrines, for fear of seeing the olden faith grow weak, and with it, disappear the favor of our good mother and mistress St. Anne.

The following touching fact is well calculated to stimulate our faith. A French family, residing at Mount Hope, Ohio, for many years had lived among an almost entirely Protestant population. At rare intervals, a missionary brought the comforts of religion to the few Catholics of the place. But he was unfamiliar with the French tongue, and the poor isolated family could not profit by his preaching. Whereupon the mother herself undertook the religious instruction of her two daughters. For two years she taught them