

maintain and expand it. The affluence of the whole Province to this sanctuary is really prodigious on her feast-day, which we shall celebrate to-morrow and always with a solemn octave, extraordinary preaching, and perfect fervor and order. I had the consolation, with two other Fathers, of giving a mission in the church of St. Anne. The unaccountable fragrance emitted from a precious relic of the Saint, each time that they open the reliquary in which it is preserved, is an undeniable fact and a permanent miracle. I have myself inhaled the marvellous perfume."

"The Church of Düren is very vast; so as to give more splendor to the worship of the Saint, it has just been very tastefully restored. In its chief tower may be admired one of the largest bells in all Germany. This bell bears the name of *Annaglock* or *Anne's bell*, and is only rung on grand solemnities."

"The favors obtained are very numerous, they are the theme of conversation at Düren. From all sides they come to visit the sanctuary, and numerous processions go thither. But this shrine is not the only one; it is, in truth, the most visited, the most celebrated; but in the Rhenish Provinces may be found a great number of other churches under the same title, and in nearly all churches, altars raised in her honor. In the rural districts, at least one third of the girls receive the name of Anne or Anne Mary, they love to unite the two names. As to religious communities, I know of none exclusively devoted to her worship; several, however, have certain devotions and special festivals in her honor, because she is one of their chief patron-saint."

Happy England and the other countries of the North, if on the day of seduction and danger, instead of giving way to a deplorable infatuation, they had pressed closer to Mary and Anne her most holy Mother; like Poland, and the banks of the Rhine, like Spain and Brittany, they would have avoided the abyss in which they mourn, and from which nothing