

fidence. More noteworthy among all these favors, are the most powerful graces which God has given and still gives every day, through the intercession of St. Anne, to several sinners for their conversion to a better life. Having, for the past five or six years, performed the office of pastor in this church, I have known several to whom a like happiness was given ; but these favors pass between God and the soul, in the secrecy of the heart, and are fully known only in eternity.

Such happy beginnings lead us to hope that God, through the intercession of St. Anne, will fill in this holy place with countless blessings our new country. May His bounty grant that our sins be no obstacle to their course !"

Mgr. LAVAL'S APPROBATION.

"As we know that it is honorable to reveal the works of God, we notify each and all of those whom these presents may concern, that everything contained in the present pamphlet written in French by Mr. Thomas Morel, performing curial duties in the church of Ste Anne, near Quebec, at the place commonly called Beaupré, which pamphlet has been submitted to us, is entirely in conformity with the truth ; that consequently it may be given to the faithful in order to excite their devotion to the most holy ancestress of Jesus Christ and the mother of the august Mother of God. Therefore, of our episcopal and ordinary authority, we approve and confirm it by these present letters, confessing moreover that nothing has helped us more efficaciously in bearing the burden of the pastoral charge of this nascent church than the special devotion of all the inhabitants of this country to St. Anne, a devotion which, we may assure with certainty, distinguishes them above all other people.

Given at Quebec, in our episcopal seminary, on the twenty fifth day of June, in the year one