

Meanwhile the pilgrimage drew near to its end. The last exercise took place at 11.30 ; when it was over, all returned to the steamer. Several of the patient's sister nuns had already left the church, without thinking of a miracle, and yet it was the moment chosen by St. Anne. This is how it was observed.

While the crowd was rapidly dispersing and only about a hundred persons remained in the Basilica, Reverend Father Lamire, passed by the sanctuary, and prepared to go to the sick nun's chair, to make her venerate the holy Relic once more. But what was his astonishment at seeing her come herself as quietly as a person in good health to kneel and venerate the Relic. The Father could not believe his eyes. « What ! is it you ? » he asked. « Yes, she replied, it is I, I am cured. »

I shall not attempt to depict the emotion that seized the persons present on seeing the nun who was in a dying condition, and unable to stand when she entered, walk without the slightest difficulty.

All wept with joy. At that moment, the Brother Sacristan took up the cushions, that were no longer needed, and headed a procession singing the *Magnificat*. All followed him, including her who had been miraculously cured.

The Reverend Father Superior, who was immediately called, was able to see the marvelous change that had taken place in Sister Bernadette's condition. He was all the more struck by it because he himself had helped her to enter the church. To make still more sure that she was cured, he told her to kneel for his blessing. She did so at once without the slightest difficulty, a thing that she was entirely unable to do an hour before.

Thus she was cured ! She went to the steamer on foot without support, walking with agility a distance of nearly a mile. She came into the midst of her sister nuns and of the other persons who knew her, exciting the same admiration everywhere. The return was effected without the least suffering. She went back to her convent, and we are told that *she is quite well*. The two cushions remained at the Shrine.

This fact, which is thoroughly attested is one of the most marvelous that has ever occurred in the Shrine of St. Anne. For that reason we have given all the details. It is a proof of the extraordinary power that St. Anne has received from God, and of her goodness in manifesting that power in favor of the unfortunate. Let us thank St. Anne : let us love her and pray to her : and she will always pour her blessings on us.