

gundes, the great Queen of France, who renounced the honors and pleasures of the world in order to become the humble servant of Christ's poor. This spot has likewise been rendered illustrious by the holiness and heavenly science of St. Hilarius, St. Fortunatus, St. Martin, and may we not also add, of Cardinal Pie. It is therefore a place of pilgrimage, and we shall in no way displease Mary by resting a while under the shadow of sanctuaries which are dedicated to these venerable servants of her beloved Son and of herself.

Besides that, she approves us by permitting St. Radegundes to perform two miracles, forerunners of the numerous prodigies that she will herself perform when we shall have entered her promised land. One of these miracles, which I witnessed in part, was the cure of a young girl from Orleans who was in an advanced stage of consumption and for eighteen months had suffered from a total loss of voice. Almost immediately on leaving Poitiers, to resume our journey to Lourdes, she recovered her voice and was able to sing with her companions all the rest of the way. From Poitiers to Lourdes, I was in the same carriage as she was, and could perceive that she had gained so much strength as afterwards to be able to follow on foot the long procession which usually terminates the day's pilgrimage-exercises at Lourdes. Her companion was another young girl, equally pious and modest in her behaviour, who after three pilgrimages to Lourdes, had last year been suddenly cured of a very serious complaint: granulation of the larynx accompanied by other ailments which had reduced her to a skeleton, by allowing her to take only a small amount of liquid nourishment through a tiny Indian rubber tube and at the cost of great suffering. She had also lost her voice and the use of nearly all her limbs. At every movement made in carrying her to the piscina she suffered such pain that she had to cry out. A first, a second and a third time was she plunged into the miraculous water. Her perseverance in prayer and