

that our undertaking might prosper for the glory of God, of our good Saint, and for the profit of souls. And, in truth, our confidence has been rewarded.

From all points of the continent where the name of St. Anne is blessed by the sick and the afflicted—and where is it not praised?—her fervent zelators and clients have eagerly sent us their subscription to the *Annals*. It is to them, after God and St. Anne, that we owe the continuance of our publication.

In the diffusion of our little periodical local or national prejudices have been laid aside. The faithful of English, Irish or American origin were desirous to know and venerate the Protectress of French Canada, and Canadians of French descent were eager to acquaint their brethren in the faith with the good Mother who lavishes her bounties on all without distinction. For the devotion to St. Anne is essentially Catholic, and in the eyes of the good Saint, there is “neither Gentile nor Jew, bond nor free,” when she has to reward faith or hear the prayer of an afflicted soul. All these zealous friends have greatly contributed to encourage our efforts. We therefore thank them and earnestly request them to redouble their zeal for the propagation of the devotion to St. Anne through the medium of the *Annals* among their English-speaking brethren.

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