

108 Wolfe street, a twelve year-old boy, who suffered from a nervous complaint, which caused his arms to shake in such a manner that he could not even serve himself at table. On his return from the shrine, says the article, the boy had lost every trace of the disease, and tested the strength of his arms by lifting up chairs, threading needles and similar feats. The third case is that of Stanislaus Lafrance, the thirteen year old son of Mr. J. B. Lafrance, of 303 Maisonneuve street, who, it is said, for two years could not use his left leg which had become shorter and powerless from inflammatory rheumatism. At the Church of St. Anne de Beaupré he walked up to the communion-table with the aid of his own crutches, and returned to his seat without them.

These subjects were widely known in Montreal, one being the cousin of a respected clergyman, and having undergone treatment at the Hotel-Dieu from the most distinguished physicians. The addresses are recorded with name, street and number. Crowds have visited and verified the cures. To question the facts of the case or call them into doubt, were to insult, not only the intelligence, but the eyes of all Montreal. It were rather stultify oneself before the world.

As to the explanation of the facts, some may attribute the cures to the power of faith and its influence over the nerves. It must be a faith strong and far-reaching indeed, that will suddenly renew the withered tissues of nerves, muscles and bones, and infuse life afresh into the paralysed limb. It is notorious that the patients ascribe their cures, not to their faith, but invariably, and with one mouth, to the intercession of the good St. Anne. There is evidently no power in nature's laws and forces to work such effects in such conditions—suddenly, without application, in opposition to all nature's wonted courses of action. Otherwise why would the discovery of such hidden and extraordinary virtues have been left to a ship's crew of ignorant sailors? Why should they operate only in connection with prayer to a supernatural deity offered through the invocation of a certain Saint, in a certain shrine, before a certain statue, on appli-