



## ✿ PILGRIMS TO LOURDES ✿

Great French Pilgrimage--Fifty Thousand Persons in Procession--Miracles Wrought.

**T**HIS year's national French pilgrimage to Lourdes has surpassed in numbers, fervor and miracles all that have preceded it. Some fifty thousand persons took part in the procession of the Blessed Sacrament on the closing day and no less than four miracles marked its progress. But we need not be astonished at the rich harvest of spiritual and temporal favors granted to these pilgrims, if we realize how they pray. It must be seen to be understood. The hale pilgrims kneel for hours in sun or rain, with arms extended in the form of living crosses beseeching Heaven for their sick. A priest with his chair chained to the rock of the grotto, exhorted them when they wearied. After the devotions of the day the men of the pilgrimage repaired to the Rosary Church and there spent the night in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Many men pilgrims spent every night of the four in this manner, and the days in carrying the sick, and sometimes one would see these besiegers of