ST ANNE DE BEAUPRÉ.

(Concluded.)

Besides the relics of St. Anne already mentioned the church of Beaupré can boast many others, such as one of St. Francis Xavier, of St. Doodatus, St. Benedict. St. Valentine, St. Remigius, St. Eulalia, St. Cæsarius, and others. The Rev. M. Gauvreau, curé from 1875 to 1878, almost completely finished the exterior of the new church. He also conceived the idea of building the Chapel for processions out of the materials of the old church. It was consecrated October 2, 1878, and is intended to perpetuate the ancient edifice, being erected after the same fashion and surmounted by the same bell-tower, whence the same sweet-toned voice calls the people to prayer that called the dead and gone, generations ago. Situated upon an eminence, and being used especially when the concourse of pilgrims is very great, it is an imitation of the altar of the Scala Sancta at Ste Anne d'Auray. There is a fountain just before the entrance to the new church, where crowds of pilgrims are seen using the water. It is surmounted by a statue of St. Anne, which statue, or some image of the mother of Mary, is seen everywhere throughout the village. Somewhat to the north-east of the church is the presbytère, or parochial residence, now occupied by the Redemptorist Fathers, who have been in charge of the mission since 1878.

The one principal street of St. Anne's runs along the slope of a hill which in the summer-time is thickly covered with fruit-laden trees. Canadian homesteads of comfort and of plenty line it on either side. The population consists of some hundred and fifty families, who, experiencing little of "life's long and fitfal fever," spin out their days in a primitive and rural simplicity which belonged to the golden epoch of la Nouvelle France. The traveller, fresh from the restless bustle of a modern Babylon, seems to find himself suddenly