

ding the draping of the entire church and windows in sombre black.

Travellers meeting a funeral procession usually turn around and face in the direction which it is going, and while it is passing bare their heads if the season permits, and when the deceased was a prominent person the remains are escorted a short distance before the journey is resumed.

Devotions and pious customs and practices are not limited to Sundays and Holy days. They are woven into and become a part of the every day life of the people. They are not so eager for riches as to live well. The members of the family are gathered in prayer every night when the rosary is said and other prayers: a farm is bought and *M. le Cure* is sent for to come and bless it; a house is built, and it may be but a log cabin on the frontier, but before moving in *M. le Cure* comes again and blesses the new home.

When settlements are made in outlying places where parishes have not been organized *Calvaires* are erected by the road-side upon the first land cleared, and here gather the faithful on Sundays and Holy days to join in public prayers. Large crosses and *Calvaires* are erected on other farms as they are taken up and reclaimed from the wilderness, and later when a parish is organized and the people have more means, they are made more elaborate by the erection of a shrine and placing therein a group representing the Holy Family, an Apostle, the patron saint of the parish, the emblems of the Crucifixion—the cross, hammer and nails.

Filial devotion and respect is a very marked characteristic in the homes of the people as becomes the Christian family. New Year's day, *jour de l'An*, is a day of special rejoicing and family reunion when every member of the family from those in the days of earliest childhood to those who have grown to manhood and womanhood, and even those whose heads are crowned with the snows of years, return to the home of their childhood and on bended knees supplicate and receive the aged parents' blessing.

Their sense of justice does not rest upon a human foundation—the vote of a majority—nor does it permit them to violate