

distance of seven leagues from here, there is a church of St. Anne, in which Our Lord works great marvels in favor of the mother of the most Blessed Virgin. There the palsied are made able to walk, the blind recover their sight, and they who suffer from any disease whatsoever recover health."

"Later, in 1673, to respond to the increasing devotion of his flock, Mgr François de Laval, first Bishop of Quebec, erected in the parish of Quebec, a confraternity of St. Anne, enriched with indulgences and destined to perpetuate in Canadian households such a beautiful devotion.

"Precious offerings made to Ste. Anne de Beaupré also contribute to entertain and increase that popular devotion. We still use on grand solemnities, a chasuble embroidered and offered to the first sanctuary dedicated to the Saint, by the royal hands of Anne of Austria, and over the high altar of the new church hangs a painting from the pencil of the famous Lebrun and given by Marquis de Tracy, viceroy of Canada.

"Since the origin of the devotion to St. Anne, three sanctuaries have been successively built on the Beaupré shore, with grand proportions. The actual church, begun in 1872, is a very spacious temple, enlarged by twelve side-chapels which are maintained at the expense of the different Canadian dioceses and some religious Congregations.

"Under the vigorous impulse of His Eminence Cardinal Taschereau, the number of pilgrims who go to St. Anne's has increased considerably from one year to another. In 1886, nearly 88,000 went thither. It is an ever rising tide. When the fine summer-days have come, it is as if an irresistible current took hold of the masses, to attract them towards the so popular shores of Beaupré. This attraction even acts upon the Catholic population of the United-States, and Protestant themselves are not totally insensible to it.

"And how indeed could they resist such a current? The favors obtained become more and more striking,