

10 in Canada and 3 in the United States. This makes in all 233 parishes or confraternities affiliated to the Arch-confraternity since its erection on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 1887; 162 in Canada and 71 in the United States.



**Correspondence.** — With regard to the correspondence, it assumes greater and greater proportions every year. The many thanksgivings inserted each month in the *Annals* convey only a feeble idea of it. At present we receive an average of 30 letters a day, and it is not unusual for us to get 50, 60 and even 75.



**Communions and Masses.** — Let us add to this brief statement that from the 1<sup>st</sup> January to the 31<sup>st</sup> December, holy communion was administered 112,000 times and nearly 5,000 masses were celebrated in the Basilica of Beaupré. « Holy Mass, says St. Alphonsus, is the rampart that protects our cities and our country places; it is the lightning conductor that averts heaven's thunder-bolts and the scourges of divine justice from our heads.» What a solid rampart, what a precious and re-assuring protection is the shrine of Good St. Anne.

**Conclusion.** — Such is the summary of the events, facts and wonders that occurred in the year 1899. This brief statement will suffice we hope to give our readers an idea of the extraordinary movement of piety of which the shrine of Beaupré is the centre and of the great good done by pilgrimages. And now, what conclusion can we draw from the figures we have just given? Here it is: in 1899, the glorious Thaumaturga of Canada has manifested her power and goodness to as great an extent as ever; in 1899, Good St. Anne has shown herself as much as ever to be deserving of the glorious titles of: *Health of the infirm, refuge of sinners, consoler of the afflicted*, which are given her and which we read on the outer walls of her shrine; finally, in 1899, the glorious patroness of Canada has shown as much as ever that she loves her Canadian children, that she takes an interest in their temporal and spiritual welfare and that she ardently desires to see them one day all united at the foot of her throne in immortal glory to sing for ever there the canticle of joy and triumph.

Glory to God, love and gratitude to Good St Anne