

century later, in 1631, they renewed their vow, binding themselves to fast on the eve of St. Anne's day, and the plague again disappeared. In order to bequeath to future generations the remembrance of so great a benefit, a venerable President of the Parliament of Dijon, Pierre Odebert, founded, under the patronage of the Saint, an orphanage destined to receive those children whom the cruel epidemic had left orphans. This charitable institution still subsists, and has now become in the city as the central point of the devotion to that august Mother, whose remembrance still lives among the population. Unfortunately, the devotion, practically, is not the same as in by-gone days; since the Revolution, the vow of the city is not accomplished any more. Nevertheless, communions are still very numerous on the 26th of July, and at the hospice, the customary sermon and a plenary indulgence attached to the visitation of the chapel attract a great concourse of people. There still exists in the cathedral a chapel bearing her name; it is frequently visited and serves to collect pious worshippers.

"The Spirit breatheth where he will." Happy the soul who hearkens to his voice and awaits the moment of his visitation! There are some populations that grow lukewarm, there are others that return to their pristine fervor. We find an exemple of such revolutions of grace in the quite recent origin of a modest pilgrimage whose benign influence now spreads over the most mountainous part of the diocese of Belley. As it constitutes an indirect invitation to the clients of St. Anne, we ask the reader's permission to devote a page to it and to interrupt the review of statistics that we cannot indefinitely pursue.

On the limits of the departments of Ain and Jura, in the richly wooded mountains of the canton of Oyonnax, lies a meadow, smiling in summer, sometimes dangerous in winter, on account of the whirlwinds of snow that sweep through it. A pious family, devoted time out of mind to the veneration of St. Anne, kept