

Signal Favours

STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS, BUT SAVED BY ST. ANNE

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ON the 20th day of March 1898, whilst performing my ordinary duties of a merchant, I was stricken with paralysis of the brain; my left side became also affected to such a degree that I was unable to move my hand or leg; my face was also drawn out of shape. My wife, seeing my condition, brought me the oil of St. Anne, which we always keep in the house. Noticing what she held in her hand, I noded for it and drank a few drops, and immediately my speech returned. I then made a promise to St. Anne that if God in his mercy would spare me I would make a Pilgrimage every year to her shrine and, in case I would be unable to go, would send some one in my place.

When my Physician arrived, he had me placed in bed. After an examination, he shook his head and told my friends that there was no hopes of my recovery. Rev. Father. Hervieux, of Tupper Lake, was sent for. He heard my confession and performed the last rights of he Church upon me.

The next day, I had a consultation of some of the best Doctors in the State, and all pronounced my case a very critical one. They claimed that, should I recover, I would not be able to walk even with the help of a crutch in eight months and I would never be able to do mental work again.

Four days after I was stricken, I became insane and remained so for two weeks.

I had several masses said in honor of St. Anne, the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph. I also made two novenas to St. Anne.

On the 21st of June, there being a pilgrimage of this diocese (Ogdensburg), I joined it. On the way, I had to be assisted in and off both train and boat. I had even to be carried to the Church.

A short time after receiving Holy Communion, I was taken to the rear Chapel and there had the relic of St. Anne applied to my head, shoulder and side. After spending a few moments in prayer, I stood up without