

had time to hear a mass before the parish high mass which for the first time on this Sunday was said at 9.30. At 11 o'clock the last Exercise took place and at noon the pilgrimage returned home.



The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts. — In the afternoon of Wednesday the 5th October we received the famous Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts which had been in Quebec for two days and of which the newspapers of that city have said so much. A special train had been placed at their disposal. They were in full number, that is 300 among whom were some fifteen Catholics. Reverend Father Wittebolle made them visit the Basilica, the Memorial Church and the Scala Santa, giving them every information that might interest them.

Their visit did not last more than an hour but they seemed very well satisfied and left at 4 o'clock.

Here are some details in connection with that celebrated Company which we take from the «*Courrier du Canada*.» «The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts was incorporated in 1658 and is consequently the oldest military organization on this continent and the second as regards seniority in the whole world. It was organized by members of the «Honorabile Artillery Company of London» who settled in Boston or in its vicinity some years after the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth Rock. Its object was to establish uniformity in the exercises of the various military companies that were in existence at the time for protecting the settlers against attacks by the Indians. A good many of the old customs then in vogue are still retained at the present day. For instance the Company elects its officers annually. They are commissioned on the first Monday of June in each year by the Governor. No officer whether commissioned or not is eligible for two consecutive years, the Commanding officer for one year becoming a private soldier the next. It has happened that the Governor of Massachusetts has given commissions to officers in the Company when he was merely a private soldier in the ranks.»



The Members of the Canadian American Conference at Ste. Anne de Beaupré. — On Monday the 10th October the «Druid» brought us about 2.30 p. m. some twenty members of the International Conference that has been sitting for some time at Quebec. Those Gentlemen manifested a real interest in visiting the cele-