

Anne with them, he made the announcements and the pilgrims afterwards went to take their lodgings for the night.

At 7. 30. the bell recalled them to the Basilica. Rev. Father Wittebolle gave a short instruction which was followed by the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament ; then confessions were heard until 11 p. m

The great ceremonies were reserved for the following day. The first mass was said at 5 a. m. and at that mass more than 500 pilgrims took part in the general communion. High mass was sung at 7 a. m. by Rev. E. Janelle, pastor of Ste Thecle, assisted by Rev. I. Gravel, pastor of Shawenegan and Rev. J. M. Boucher of Three Rivers. The last exercise took place at 8. 45 ; then the blessing of articles of devotion took place, the Gospel was read over the sick, the special sermon on St Anne was preached and the ceremony concluded with the Benediction and veneration of the relics of our powerful Thaumaturga.

At 10 o'clock the pilgrims took their places in the cars of the Lower Laurentian Railway and returned to their homes, their face radiant with joy and their hearts satisfied, after giving to the thousands of pilgrims who are to follow them, the precious example of a lively faith, of unflinching confidence and of sincere and grateful love for her who is honoured and invoked under the title, now nearly three centuries old, of « Good St. Anne de Beaupré. »

## CHRONICLE OF OUTSIDE EVENTS

The progress of Catholicism in Canada and the United States during the XIX<sup>th</sup> century.— The nineteenth century, far from having been, as our adversaries are pleased to say, a century of decadence for Catholicism, has on the contrary been a century of immense progress for our holy religion. We give a few figures taken from official sources and which show the progress made by Catholicism in Canada and the United States during the century that is drawing in its close.

The Catholic religion which, at the beginning of the XIX<sup>th</sup> century, counted in Canada only 136,000 members, now has 2,040,000 under the direction of 7 archbishops, 21 bishops and 2,850 priests or religious. The diocese of Montreal, the most important in Canada, has alone 400,000 Catholics 610 priests or religious, 148 parishes, 286 churches or chapels, 842 schools, 84 convents, 27 hospitals or asylums and 7 colleges. The diocese of Quebec, the second in importance, has