

" Among the assistants was remarked, for his pious attitude, the son of a noble warrior at whose dwelling, Charles received hospitality. This child, aged fourteen, was named John, he was blind, deaf and dumb from his birth. During some time, he seemed as one who hears a heavenly warning, and soon after, by expressive gestures of his hands and feet, he seemed to ask earnestly that the earth be dug up under the step on which he stood. The religious prince, struck, as well as the whole assembly, with this sight, and foreseeing a prodigy, ordered to comply with the child's wishes. They began to excavate and they penetrated into the underground chapel where the Blessed Auspicious, Apostle of the Aplesians, was accustomed to distribute to his flock the spiritual food of the holy word and of the sacraments. The young blind boy walks before the assistants, shows the direction to be followed, and indicates by a gesture the portion of a wall at the foot of which they must dig the soil. But there a sudden light surrounds the assistants. Hardly have they opened a still deeper crypt, when they find, to their great surprise, a lamp burning. The king and the principal inhabitants hasten thither attracted by the unaccustomed splendor. But behold that, receiving the use of eyes, ears and tongue, John cries out: "In this crypt is the body of saint Anne, mother of the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God."

" All the assistants, wrapped in wonder and admiration at the sight of John's miraculous cure, send forth exclamations of joy. Meanwhile, the most pious King orders the crypt to be cleared, and the sacred deposit, of which a striking miracle has just proclaimed aloud the authenticity, appears to all eyes enclosed in a shrine of cypress-wood, wrapped up in a precious winding cloth. It bore the inscription: *Here is the body of the Blessed Anne, Mother of the Virgin Mary.*

" The shrine is opened, and in confirmation of the recent prodigy, the sweetests of perfumes escapes from it, filling both crypts with its fragrant odor. Every body