

number of our *Annals*, to the great pilgrimage so dear to the piety of our brethren of Canada. Separated from their mother-country, they have remained French at heart, and full of faith as were our ancestors. As St. Anne is their Patroness, as well as she is ours, we beg of them to accept the brotherly wishes that we express for the greatness of their beloved country.

"Each Christian nation, writes a correspondent, has in Heaven a Saint, whom it honors by a special worship, and of whom it expects more particularly assistance and protection.

"In that sense, we may say that the eminently national devotion of our people, of the Canadian people, is devotion to St. Anne, the mother of Mary.

"That devotion came from Brittany, as the French-Canadian people, from France. A few Breton mariners, surprised one day by a frightful storm in the St. Lawrence river, were on the point of being shipwrecked, when they thought of invoking St. Anne, the powerful and venerated patron-saint of their country. They vowed to raise a chapel in her honor where their feet would first touch land. Their prayer was pleasing to Heaven. The tempest ceased by degrees, and the good sailors soon realized their promise.

"It is on the Beaupré shore, between the Laurentian range of mountains and the river, at a few leagues distance from Quebec, opposite the island of Orleans, that was erected the first sanctuary dedicated by the faith of our fathers to the mother of Mary.

"St. Anne de Beaupré had just seen the light: she was the daughter of St. Anne d'Auray.

"Such was the origin of a devotion which sprang into existence with the Canadian people, which with it has grown and waxed strong, which has scattered on its course, through more than two centuries favors of all kinds and numberless miracles.

"In 1665, the Venerable Mother Mary of the Incarnation wrote from Quebec to her son: "At a