

THE WORSHIP AND PATRONAGE OF ST. ANNE.

DEVOTION TO ST. ANNE IS TRULY CATHOLIC. HOMAGE
PAID TO HER BY THE WESTERN WORLD. FRANCE.

(Continued.)

The city of Lyons, which was the first in France to celebrate the Immaculate Conception, and which, of old, performed pilgrimages to L'Île-Barbe, as, to-day, she ascends the hill of Fourvières, seems at last to perceive that something is wanting to perfect her tender devotion towards Mary, and that she must, in order to give it its full complement, return to the worship of her glorious Mother. Already an altar has been dedicated to her in the miraculous sanctuary of Fourvières, and a larger and richer one will probably find its place in the newly constructed basilica. On the left bank of the Rhone, a church is to be erected under her name. An association has even been formed with the view of contributing to the expense of its construction, and of extending by several means the cultus of St. Anne.

The mountains of Auvergne have remained more faithful to her: if the chapels and altars dedicated to her which are to be met with in that country, are not always a sure sign of actual devotion,—for that kind of monument is often preserved under the protection of forgetfulness itself, as it has happened during the Revolution,—nevertheless the favor with which her name is borne is an irrefutable proof of the survival of her devotion. In the country parts, it is given indifferently to children of either sex.

Nor has Burgundy entirely forgotten her ancient deliverer; she is venerated especially at Dijon, where her worship has never been separated from that of the Blessed Virgin. The clergy, the magistracy and the inhabitants of that city, after a solemn vow, were delivered, in 1531, from a disastrous pestilence. A