

consisting of 550 pilgrims and that of the *Union St Joseph* of St John's suburbs, Quebec, with the young men of the *League of the Sacred Heart*. The members of these two societies formed a fine group of 750 pilgrims. Rvd Mr. Morissette, the vicar, was at their head.

From Morday to Saturday, the period of the ecclesiastical retreats, no organized pilgrimage came to the basilica but, on the other hand, individual pilgrims came in numbers to the shrine every day. The trains sometimes brought us so many that the vast basilica was almost filled.



Week from 26th to 31st August. — Sunday the 26th August was a fine day. In the first place the steamer *Ste Croix* arrived at the wharf with 400 parishioners of *St Thomas, Montmagny*. They were recruited chiefly from among the members of the League of the Sacred Heart. A fine band of music frequently aroused the surrounding echoes with its harmonious strains.

Then came from St Roch, Quebec, the members of the C. M. B. A., a mutual benefit society, with the *Quebec Postmen*. They were 500 pilgrims in all under Rvd Ern. Martin, the vicar of the church of St John the Baptist.

At 8 o'clock the bells rang out a third time to greet the arrival of the pilgrimage from *Notre Dame de Lévis* and *Bienville*. They numbered 800, 200 being Congregationists who, at the feet of St. Anne, renewed their vows of fidelity to God and to the Queen of Virgins.

On Tuesday the 28th came the second annual pilgrimage from the diocese of *Sherbrooke*. On this occasion the pilgrims numbered over 1500 under the charge of Rvd P. J. A. Lefebvre, superior of the diocesan seminary. Nearly all of them approached the holy table and their religious exercises were performed with remarkable solemnity and piety.

On Wednesday the 29th, at dawn, the *Three Rivers* returned with 900 pilgrims of the diocese of *St Hyacinthe*. This was the second diocesan pilgrimage organized like the first one by Rvd. Messrs. Cardin and Sérécal, conspicuous promoters of devotion to St. Anne. The pilgrimage was under the distinguished patronage of Monseigneur Decelles, bishop of Druzipara and coadjutor of the bishop of St Hyacinthe. This worthy and venerated prelate never misses the opportunity of coming to renew the homage of his tender confidence in and entire devotedness to the glorious Thaumaturga. His Lordship, surrounded by a number of clergymen, presided over the religious ceremonies which were most imposing.