

imploing the protection and intercession of the Virgin's Mother. Their prayers were undoubtedly answered, for who could refuse to listen benignly to such supplications? May Good Saint Ann bless and protect her children !

SEPTEMBER.

Sunday, 1st. — Old Sol was anything but good, yesterday and to day. Saturday, his absence almost spoiled the pilgrimage from *Saint Joseph's Parish*, Montreal. It rained so heavily, that only 400 pilgrims had sufficient courage to venture out on a visit to the Shrine. To day, Sunday, Sol was still sulky, hiding behind the clouds and refusing us his warm rays. It was partially on his account that only 700 pilgrims of the youthful portion of *Saint Saviour*, Quebec, came down on their annual visit to their Patroness. Had Sol been a little kinder, they would have numbered some 1500 persons.

Friday, 6th. — The Rev. Fr. Giroux, P. P., of *Saint Ambrose of Young Loretta*, accompanied 1000 of his flock in their yearly pilgrimage to Saint Ann. Last year they numbered only 700. This year's increase is due to his own zeal in propagating among his people the devotion to dear Saint Ann. May she reward him for his energy, give him back that health which he may have impaired in working for her glory ; may she bless and protect his parishioners !

The White Fathers of Africa. — Not long ago the White Fathers of Our Lady of Africa, opened a novitiate in Quebec for the reception of Canadian novices. Yesterday, Thursday, six of them had taken the habit with the intention of consecrating their lives to the continuation of the work begun by Cardinal Lavigerie, and to-day they came to implore Saint Ann's blessing upon their noble enterprise. We join our prayers to theirs, beseeching Canada's Patroness to protect them, to grant them perseverance, and, if needs be, strength to shed their life's blood for the conversion of souls.

Sunday, 8th. — Forty five Quebec *Zouaves*, accompanied by the Parish Priest of Notre Dame's Basilica, Quebec and 1200 friends, stormed Saint Ann's shrine. They met with no resistance ; the doors were thrown wide open to the glorious Champions of the Papal cause, and we pray that the crown they hoped to win in falling in Christ's cause, will be all the brighter when God will place it on their foreheads after death.