

in the circumstances. Everyone pitied the unfortunate mother. The latter, once the first outbreak of sorrow had passed, turned to Saint Anthony and recommending her child to his care, she made a vow to give to the poor a measure of wheat equal to the boy's weight, if he were restored to life. Her prayer was heard. Little Thomas came back to life, in the presence of all, and ran and threw himself into his bewildered mother's arms.

Many writers and preachers have found herein the beginning of the work known under the title of Saint Anthony's Bread.

Whatever may be the origin, thereof, nevertheless the good work is firmly implanted in Canada: at the present moment, thousands of poor, widows and orphans are eating the bread of St Anthony, thanking God a thousand times over for the generosity of their benefactors.

France has somewhat outdone us in this beautiful work, so visibly blessed by heaven: "Saint Anthony has loved the poor and he still loves them; and he proves this in a particular manner especially in France. It is only necessary to promise, in his honour, to give something to eat to those who are hungry to obtain from heaven countless graces...." Miss Louise Bouffier, of Toulon, having to open a door with a secret lock, called in a locksmith to help her. The man declared that the only means to get the door open was to break it in. At that moment Miss Bouffier, had the inspiration to promise Saint Anthony a certain quantity of bread, if he would help her out of her difficulty. Turning to the workman she said: "Before you break down the door, I ask you to try one of your keys again, I have just made a promise of bread to Saint Anthony if he will assist us. I am sure he will do so." The locksmith complied with her wish and the first key that he placed into the lock opened it as if it had been the one to fit.

Since that time Miss Bouffier and her friends, had recourse to the same expedient and obtained the same results. Little by little the number of clients asking for favours increased, the Statue of the Saint was honoured by a multitude. From everywhere petitions began to reach the humble chapel. Figures