

manifest His power and His mercy. The magnificent and rich presents of illustrious personages, even of a queen of France, the large paintings offered through gratitude, the humble *ex votos* of the poor, the innumerable crutches hanging on the walls, attest the happy deliverance from dangers, the relief from sufferings and infirmities, the consolation found in affliction, and the other benefits obtained.

The present church of Sainte Anne de Beaupré threatens ruin, and must be reconstructed. We have welcomed with joy the proposal made to us to afford the entire Province the opportunity of contributing to rebuild it, on a plan and with dimensions which would make it a public and permanent monument of the faith, confidence and gratitude of Canada towards the great Saint, who has always been the object of our devotion.

The inhabitants of the parish do not require a large parochial church, and, notwithstanding their small number, they have, with the most praiseworthy unanimity, assessed themselves for the sum of sixteen thousand dollars, of which a large amount is already paid.

Madame Lessard, a descendant of him who, two centuries ago, gave the site of the present church, has generously donated an adjoining piece of land, so that the new church and its appendages may be advantageously and commodiously placed in the immediate vicinity of the old one. The church will be one hundred and fifty feet in length by sixty in breadth: consequently, it will easily contain, besides the parishioners, a considerable number of pilgrims. There will be seven altars and a spacious sacristy.

You see, O. D. B. B., that the good parishioners of Sainte Anne de Beaupré, in undertaking to build a church of such dimensions, have not thought merely of themselves, since a smaller church would have sufficed them. They have had in view to honor their holy patroness, and to favor the piety of the pilgrims who flock thither from all parts. All has been arranged for this end. To complete a work so little in accordance with their slender means, they have relied on the devotion of the people of Canada to the *good Saint Ann*, as they delight to style her.

The Sisters of Charity of Quebec have lately purchased a fine, spacious house in the neighborhood, to hold a school and give hospitality to persons of their sex who shall come on pilgrimage. They will also perform one of the principal works of their Institute in visiting, attending and consoling the sick.

So far Saint Ann has evidently blessed this undertaking by removing all the obstacles which stood in the way. No doubt, she will not only bless its completion, but likewise all those who will, in any way, contribute thereto.

We believe, O. D. B. B., that we would do an injustice to your faith, love for, and confidence in, Saint Ann, were we to expose