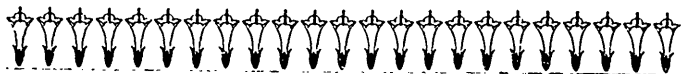


future, awaiting the veneration of fervent pilgrims. The choir then intoned St. Ann's popular hymn: *To kneel at thine altar*: and the procession was formed. It was headed by the ensigns of the Basilica: a small belfry and canopy: then came the cross followed by the women carrying their banners, the statue of St. Ann, the clergy, the precious Relic, the archiepiscopal cross, His Grace with assistants, and the men with flags unfurled, closed the march. The Blessing of the Most Holy Sacrament was given by His Grace.

May 29<sup>th</sup>.—More than one thousand Children of Mary under the direction of Rev. Cinq Mars, made their pilgrimage to the Shrine. How pleased St. Ann was to greet her Immaculate Daughter's faithful children, and what numerous graces must she not have granted them, — graces so necessary to young people! A great purity of heart, the grace to know God's holy will concerning their future state in life, strength to triumph over the seductions of the world . . . all that filial piety will prompt a child to ask from a loving Mother. During the afternoon exercises, quite a number of young ladies were received into the Society, and had the happiness of consecrating themselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the protection of Good St. Ann. After Benediction they all returned home, pleased with their pilgrimage and confident that their prayers had been heard.



## Saint Ann, Model of Mothers.



WHO is Saint Ann? What can be said in her honor? In speaking of the Blessed Virgin, the Holy Ghost says these words: *Maria de qua natus est Jesus; Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ*. (Matt. 1-16.) This simple phrase contains the greatest praise that was ever given to a creature. What more could ever be said to honor a creature, than to call her the Mother of God? Well, in like manner, could anything more glorious be said in honor of St. Ann, than these simple words: *St. Ann is the mother of the Mother of God?*

She was born about the middle of the last century preceding the Christian era. Bethlehem was her birthplace. Her