

they began a novena to Our Lady of Liesse. The young man being of a quiet and retiring disposition, nothing was noticed during the novena. On the last day, his mother found him in his room busy searching for something he had mislaid. Wishing to help him, she asked what it was; he said it was his beads, which he needed that morning. They found them at last. The young man went out earlier than usual and then came back for breakfast. The day before he had been to confession and that morning he went to Holy Communion, without any one suggesting it to him. An ex-voto offered by the grateful family may still be seen near the Holy Image. To this spiritual favor may be added a physical cure.

Mrs. . . N. . . was suffering from a violent headache which gave her no respite either day or night. And no wonder. An internal abscess had formed, baffling all remedies and leaving no hope of recovery. In this extremity she heard of the cures obtained through the intercession of Our Lady of Liesse. She felt moved to have recourse to that good Mother, and requesting a friend to bring her some oil from the lamp burning before the Statue, she began a novena in her honor.

So great was her confidence that she discarded all remedies and would no longer see her doctor: "My doctor", said she, "is Our Lady of Liesse". Our Lady could not spurn such confidence. On one of the days of the novena, while the pain was at its height, Mrs. N. . . applied some of the blessed oil. The effect was instantaneous; it seemed as if an enormous weight was lifted off her head. The pain had disappeared and the invalid was cured.

A still more extraordinary cure was that of Timothy O'Reilly, stricken with paralysis for fifteen months and successively attended and given up by five doctors, two of whom had pronounced him utterly incurable. On being removed to the Hôtel-Dieu, a nun proposed