

St. Anne from the serious accidents that seemed to threaten, from the great and sudden rising of the Chaudière. This river, which bears to the St. Lawrence its calm and limpid waters in a shallow bed, sometimes rises dreadfully. In a few hours its waters swell to a height of several feet, overflow the banks and spread inland to a distance of ten acres and more on either side, according as the hills are more or less distant. The stream, which, at ordinary times, measures about 300 feet in width from one bank to the other, then assumes the aspect of a large river in certain places. Owing to the maternal protection of good St. Anne, whom the religious population of Beauce fervently invoke, there are but few accidents to deplore. Let us add to this remarkable benefit scores of cures and spiritual favors unceasingly obtained and attributed to the Saint, and we shall not wonder at the confidence of this faithful people in St. Anne.

To finish this notice, let us relate an incident that happened at least forty-five years ago, and in which the merciful intervention of St. Anne seems evident.

Two brothers were felling trees together in a forest. By one of those accidents which are always attributed to imprudence, but which should be ascribed to Providence who directs all things, the elder cut off with his axe his younger brother's right heel. Medical men pretend that such a wound is very hard to cure, which was eventually proved. This happened in November. During the whole winter the poor wounded lad had to remain in doors enduring betimes the most atrocious pain. We were a child at the time, but we remember, as if it were yesterday, how sad it was to see the poor youth suffer, when they had to dress his wound, which we still shudder to think of, and which seemed to resist all treatment.

Towards the spring, a marked improvement began to make us hope for a recovery which however was very slow in coming. The wound was smaller and less painful, but was not healed, and always kept the poor