

bishop of the diocese. The pilgrims numbered 1300 and came in the steamer « Trois-Rivières. » About 8 o'clock in the evening there was a splendid torchlight procession. His Lordship, with his clergy and people, escorted the relic of St. Anne while a concert of prayers and hymns arose to heaven. Strangers from the United States were astonished at seeing the piety and faith of the Canadian people. But all eyes were chiefly attracted by Monseigneur Cloutier, the worthy successor of Bishop Laflèche of sainted memory.

His Lordship celebrated a pontifical mass on the following day and many pilgrims received communion from the hands of their first pastor. The new bishop has inherited the devotion of his predecessor for the patroness of Canada. Thus his first and most earnest wish was to consecrate his diocese to St. Anne and place it under her powerful and motherly protection. He would have come on St. Anne's feast but as his consecration only took place on the day before, he was unable to do so. May St. Anne preserve this new pastor to his flock during many years and bless the diocese of Three Rivers which has ever been most devoted to the Thaumaturga of Canada.



Triduum in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.—On the 17th, 18th and 19th August there was solemn benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament every evening in accordance with the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff and the act of consecration of all mankind to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was read. Rev. Father Jacquin preached a sermon in French and in English every evening.



The 20th August.—The shrine was never empty from morning till night. St. Anne's children had flocked from the United States and Canada vying with one another in piety and giving the same edification. It was truly beautiful to see on that day the students of the Plattsburg Summer School to the number of 125 who had come to place their studies under St. Anne's special protection; the *Sillery* pilgrims to the number of 528, under the direction of Rev. Mr. Mc Guire; the members of *L'Union St. Joseph* of St. Jean-Baptiste (Quebec), to the number of 500; many pilgrims from St. Sauveur, Quebec and hundreds of private pilgrims. Processions defiled in splendor through the walks in front of the basilica to the sound of hymns chanted with much harmony and expression.