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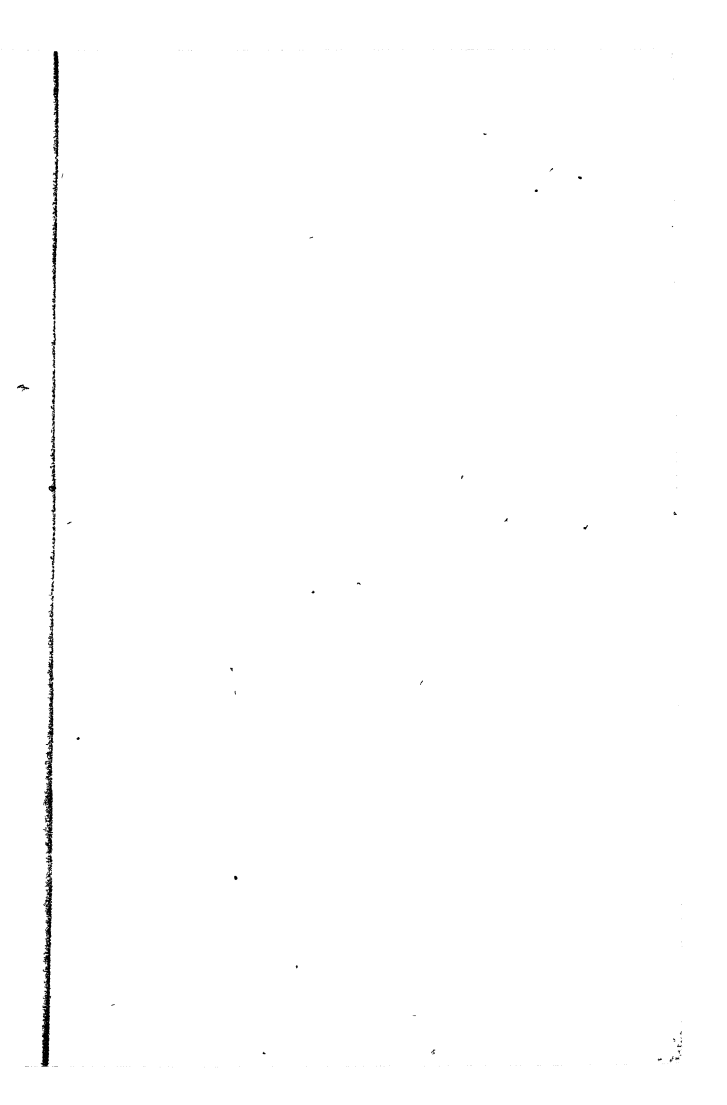
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**Extracts from a letter of Cardinal
Boyer, archbishop of Bourges,
addressed to the parish priest of
Pellevoisin, August 30th 1895.**

(Translated from the French.)

“ This tract is destined to spread
“ more and more the knowledge of
“ the motives on which the confi-
“ dence in Our Lady of Pellevoisin
“ is grounded ; to multiply the
“ members of the Archi-Confrater-
“ nity, and to lead to the feet of her
“ blessed Image, so justly venerated,
“ new pilgrims who will also find
“ there, consolation, aid, and conver-
“ sion.

“ May God hear my wishes and
“ prayers !”



GLORY TO MARY

ALL - MERCIFUL.

INTRODUCTION

"The glories of Mary will never be sufficiently published. . . . God has willed that all things should come to us through Mary."

ST. BERNARD.

BSTELLE Faguet, aged 32 years, lady's maid to the countess Arthur de Larochefoucauld, fell dangerously ill in Paris, towards the end of May, 1875. Obligated to leave her situation, she obtained, through the influence of her mistress, admission to the hospital of the Augustinian Nuns, Oudinot street. Her disease was acute peritonitis with tuberculosis. Towards the end of July, her masters had her brought to their country place, the Château of Poiriers, near Pellevoisin (Indre), diocese of Bourges. She was extremely ill. Dr B...., who had been her medical attendant for several years, wrote in the month of August

that he had ascertained "that besides the peritonitis from which she was suffering, her lungs were also affected," and in another letter he stated that there were tubercules at the head of the right lung, and perhaps even on the left. Speaking to Madame de Larochefoucauld, he added: "This poor girl is incapable of serving you. She is slowly wasting away." Then he wrote a prescription, and repeated what he had already said: "You must not forget that she is in consumption."

According to human science, the patient was indeed dying slowly. In the first days of September, after having begun alone several novenas, she made, as she called it, *her last will*. A small grotto in the honor of Our Lady of Lourdes had just been erected in the park at Poiriers. Estelle wrote a letter to the Blessed Virgin, and as she was unable to take the missive herself, she asked Mademoiselle Reiter to place it at the feet of Our Lady's Statue, concealing it well under the stones. We shall see later the wonderful manner in which it was found.

On the 18th of December, after an unusually severe attack, during which she was again given up by the local doctor, under

whose care she had likewise been for several years, she received the last sacraments with the greatest resignation. Her masters, before leaving Poiriers for Paris, towards the end of January 1876, chose a very fine day to have her removed, with the greatest care, to a house belonging to them in Pellevoisin, where her father and mother came to mind her. On the 8th of February, another severe attack followed, and on the 10th, she could not possibly be worse. Another physician (Doctor H...), hurriedly sent for, proved that besides the tuberculosis, she had cavities in her chest; and he declared she had only a few hours to live. As he was told that no nourishment would remain in her stomach, he replied: "It is useless to torture her for the short time she has to live." Although in great agony, Estelle was perfectly conscious and resigned to die.

On Sunday evening, the 13th of February, she requested the parish priest of Pellevoisin to write to Madame de Larochefoucauld, asking her to have a taper lighted for her intention at Notre-Dame des Victoires, and another before the altar of Our Lady of Lourdes at the *Gésu*. These tapers were lighted at the shrines of Mary on the following day,

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Monday. On Tuesday morning, Estelle told the parish priest that she had seen the Blessed Virgin during the night, and that she would be either dead or cured on the following Saturday. The priest said a few comforting words, although he thought she was laboring under a delusion. The next day, she informed him that she had once more seen the Blessed Virgin, who had promised that she should be cured on the Saturday. "Yesterday," replied the pastor, "you told me you would be dead or cured; today, you affirm that you will be cured; what shall you tell me to-morrow?"

Estelle knew, by his words, that the priest did not believe her, and she made the observation to him. On Tuesday morning, she emphatically declared that she had had a new prediction of her restoration to health for Saturday; but this time the details were so precise, the revelations so extraordinary concerning circumstances relating only to herself, but known to the priest also, that he was astounded, and no longer wished to remain the only depository of this promise. He persuaded the dying girl to relate all she had seen to several persons whose discretion could be depended on, and she complied with his wish in a spirit of obedience.

On Friday night, about ten o'clock, Estelle seemed to be in her last agony. She was completely exhausted, and her breathing was rendered very difficult by the choking fits with which she was shaken. The priest advised her to go to confession once more, although she had done so eight days previously; but she was firm in her resolution to defer her confession till the morrow, when she would be cured. The clergyman was very uneasy about her; but, as the presbytery was quite near, he made Estelle's mother promise to send for him, should the slightest change occur.

The next morning, M. le Curé returned at about half past six. Estelle told him that she felt herself cured; but that as yet, she could not move her right arm, of which she had lost the use five or six days previously, it having become greatly swollen and quite numb. She then related the vision she had had during the night, and the priest went to say mass, promising to come back at half past seven and bring her Holy Viaticum. Being unable to make the sign of the cross with her right hand, she had made it with her left. M. le Curé said to her as he was leaving: "The Blessed Virgin is all-

“ powerful and all-merciful, if she wishes it, she can restore you to health ; but to prove to us that all you have said is not an illusion, as soon as you shall have received Holy Communion, try to make the sign of the cross with the right hand. If you succeed, it shall be a proof that the Blessed Virgin intends to cure you.” He returned at the appointed hour and gave her Holy Communion. There were seven or eight persons present at the time. As soon as she had received the Sacred Host, the priest knelt down for a moment ; but standing up again immediately, he approached the bed, and said with emotion : “ My poor Estelle, you have had great courage and resignation in your sufferings ; be now full of confidence ; and to prove that all you have said is not an illusion, make the sign of the cross with your right hand.” Estelle immediately raised her right hand and made the sign of the cross without the least difficulty. “ Begin again,” said the priest in a voice trembling with emotion, and once more she obeyed, making a large sign of the cross, crying out : “ I am cured, I know and I feel that I am cured ! ” A murmur of admiration rose from all lips,

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the first sunbeam, so to say, brightening that chamber of death hitherto so dark. Every one left it now, acknowledging with the prophet that *to-day he had seen wonders*. It was Saturday, the 19th of February, about eight o'clock in the morning. The same day, Estelle rose, dressed herself, without the slightest help; in the presence of several persons, partook of her meals, and chatted gayly with all around. The tumor, from which she had suffered for eleven long years, had completely disappeared. It had grown much larger during her illness, and had been rubbed with an ointment (prepared purposely for it) by each of the devoted nurses who had attended her during the last twelve days. The last doctor who had examined her was summoned on the 28th of February, but could not come till the 7th of March. He appeared thunderstruck on seeing her; but did not hesitate to declare that she was perfectly cured, and that this marvelous recovery could not be the result of any natural means. On being informed of it, Dr B... wrote: "That there was in this cure, when considered with the various symptoms he had remarked during the course of Estelle's illness, some-

“ thing sufficiently extraordinary to upset
“ all medical previsions, and that the whole
“ case should be considered as quite excep-
“ tional.”

From the time of her miraculous cure, Estelle has not had the slightest relapse or any other indisposition ; in fact she enjoys much better health than before her illness. On the following day she began, through obedience, to write out the recital which we now publish. Her writing is firm, and compared with that of the month of December, no difference is perceptible except the free, bold, distinct characters, revealing renewed energy.

Many other details might be added which would be considered edifying and important ; but they are not indispensable for the clearness of the narration. Later on, they may be published if they can help to propagate the glory of Mary All-merciful.

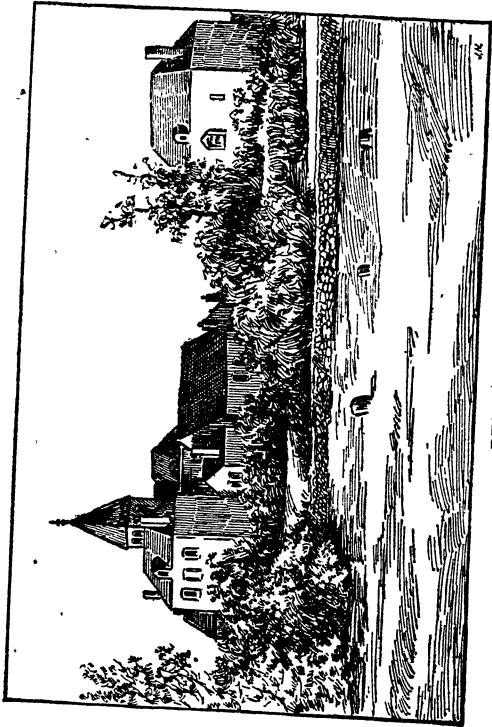


PRAYER

COMPOSED BY ESTELLE THE DAY AFTER HER
MIRACULOUS CURE.

“ February 20th, 1876, after Holy Communion.

“ **O** MY good Mother, behold me in Thy hands. Look with pity on Thy poor servant. Do not permit the designs of Providence towards my unworthy self to be frustrated by my infidelity to grace. May Thy Jesus, who dwelt in Thy heart, and who has this day deigned to visit mine, be my salvation and my only support. May He subdue in me that pride which has so often nearly caused my ruin. May He root out of my heart every evil inclination, and completely destroy everything that does not tend to His glory and Thine. Most Holy Virgin, who hast shown Thy power by granting me health of body, heal also my soul so often the slave of sin. O my powerful Protectress, Thou who art after God, my consolation, Thou who didst soothe my pain, Thou who art the light of my soul, having revealed all my iniquities to me ; Thou who art my strength, my treasure my joy, the hope of



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my life and of my eternal salvation, Thou hast said to me: *You are my daughter.* Thou canst not then reject my prayers. Deign to grant them and to have compassion on me as beseems the mother of my God, who has shown such love and goodness to men. He is their Father ; He has appointed Thee their Mother. Since Thou hast deigned to place me among Thy own privileged children, obtain for me all the grace necessary for the salvation of my soul. I promise Thee in return, O my good Mother, to do all in my power to become more worthy of Thy favors."

" ESTELLE."

ACCOUNT OF THE MIRACULOUS CURE OF ESTELLE

THE FIVE FIRST APPARITIONS DURING THE NIGHTS
OF THE 14th, 15th, ETC., TO THE
19th OF FEBRUARY, 1876.

February 21-26th, 1876.

" PARDON ME, O my God, if I write these lines. I do so in a spirit of obedience, and if they tend to the glory of

Thy Blessed Mother, I shall be only too happy. Grant, O my God, that this act of obedience may help to expiate my sins.

“ During the nine months that I was ill I suffered much not only in body, but also in mind. I can never describe all my heart endured. I could not resign myself to die and leave behind me my father and mother, whose only support I was, and a little orphan niece I had reared ; still every hour of the day I repeated : My God, may Thy holy will be done. Then again realizing the approach of death, my heart would revoke the words uttered by my lips. I got no rest either night or day.

“ God is a good Father, but He must have all or nothing. The three last attacks of my illness took place with scarcely any intermission. He made use of them to recall me to His service. As I suffered intensely, my master and mistress did everything in their power to procure me some relief. They called in again the doctors who had declared that I was incurable. I heard them say : “ She cannot recover. She will die during one of those spasms.” I owe a great deal of my resignation to my mistress, for she often said to me : “ My poor Estelle, rather

“ than suffer like that, would you not be
“ happier if God took you to Himself, for
“ there is every reason to believe you can
“ never recover.” Then I would reflect on
her words, weeping and asking to myself :
“ What will become of my parents ? ” The
day I received Extreme-Uncion, I be-
came more calm, and after Holy Commu-
nion, I repeated several times : ‘ My God,
Thou knowest better than I what is good for
me ; do with me as Thou pleasest, only en-
able me to make my sacrifice generously.’
This time my prayer was heartfelt and God
heard it. When this attack was over, I felt
a little better, and hope began to revive in
my heart ; but it was not destined to remain
there long. After a few days I was worse
than before. This time, however, I was no
longer dissatisfied ; my only wish was to
die well, and in my greatest sufferings, I
often said : ‘ My God, in expiation of my
sins, let me suffer. I am ready, strike as it
shall please Thee ; only give me courage,
patience and resignation to Thy holy will.
If groans escape from my lips, deign to
receive them as prayers from my heart to
Thine.’

“ After a few days I grew weaker still ; I

could no longer pray. My sacrifice was made, and I asked for nothing more. The Blessed Virgin interceded for me, and it is with sincere gratitude and profound humility that I now relate the favors she has showered on me. I am most unworthy of the graces I have received through her intercession, and after all my ingratitude she ought to have abandoned me rather than favor me. Let all who read these lines, if indeed they are worth being read, be convinced of one truth, that it was not on account of any merit of mine that the Blessed Virgin obtained my cure from her Divine Son. Far from it; it was that many might know that we have a good Mother who watches over us and intercedes for us. What return can I ever make for all she has done for me!

“ For five consecutive nights I gazed upon the same vision. On the night of the 14th to the 15th, that is to say, between Monday and Tuesday, I was exceedingly ill. I cannot say what I felt, whether it was sleep or not. I was trying to rest, when suddenly the devil appeared at the foot of my bed. He was horrible, and at once began to make faces at me. I had scarcely perceived

him when our Blessed Lady appeared on the other side, at the corner of my bed. She wore a pure white woollen veil which fell in three folds. I can never describe how beautiful she was ; her complexion; white and rose-tint, rather pale. Her sweet gentle eyes reassured me somewhat, but not completely ; for the devil, seeing the Blessed Virgin, drew back, dragging the curtain and the iron rod of my bed. This increased my terror, which became unendurable. I crouched down in my bed. He did not speak, but turned his back to me. The Blessed Virgin said to him sharply : "*What brings you here ? Do you not see that she wears my livery and that of my Son ?*" He disappeared gesticulating. She turned to me and said gently : "*Fear nothing, you are my daughter.*" Then I remembered that, from the age of fourteen, I had been a child of Mary. I now felt less fear. She said to me : "*Have courage, be patient, my Son will allow Himself to be prevailed upon ; you will suffer five days longer in honor of the five wounds of my Son. On Saturday, you will be either dead or cured. If my Son restores you to life, I wish you to publish my glory.*" I was so taken by

"courage, be patient and resigned, you will suffer, you will not be exempt from sorrow, try to be faithful. I want you to publish my glory." All those and several other things passed rapidly before me; but how, I cannot explain. However, I both saw and heard perfectly. How came it that while Our Blessed Lady was there looking at me, she who is so good and gentle, I always felt unable to ask her anything? She disappeared as on the preceding nights, repeating: *"You will publish my glory."* I once more tried to ask her how; but I had not time. She replied as she left me: *"Make every effort."*

"The fifth night, from Friday to Saturday, was not altogether the same. The Blessed Virgin did not remain at the foot of my bed. She approached to the middle of my curtains. My God, how beautiful she was! She remained a long time silent and motionless, standing in the midst of a clear vapor. If it be only a dream, why can it not last forever? After a long silence she looked at me. I know not how I felt, I was so happy! She was smiling, she reminded me of my promises. I once more saw the marble slab, but this time it was no longer white. In the

four corners there were golden rose-buds. In the highest part, a golden heart emitting flames, transpierced with a sword, and surrounded by a crown of roses. These words were inscribed on it:

“J’ai invoqué Marie au plus fort de ma misère.
Elle m’a obtenu de son Fils ma guérison entière.”

“ESTELLE F.”

Translation.

“I called upon Mary with sorrow replete ;
From her Son she obtained my recovery complete.”

“ESTELLE F.”

“I promised her again to do all in my power for her glory. She said to me : “*If you want to serve me, be simple, and let your actions correspond to your words.*” I asked her if, in order to serve her, it were necessary to change my state of life? She replied : “*One can be saved in any state. Where you are, you can do a great deal of good, and you can publish my glory. What most afflicts me is the want of respect shown to my Son in Holy Communion, and the attitude of prayer, taken by many when the mind is occupied with other things. I say this for people who*”

"pretend to be pious." After these words she resumed her smiling look. I asked her if I should repeat what she had just said. The Blessed Virgin answered : *"Yes, yes, publish my glory, but before doing so, await the advice of your confessor or and director, for people will endeavor to entrap you. They will treat you as a visionary, as a person of disordered imagination, as a fool ; but pay no attention to all that, be faithful to me, I will assist you."* I gazed long upon her, my eyes never wearied of beholding her ! but at length she disappeared gradually from my sight. Never had I seen anything so beautiful. By degrees she vanished, till only the soft light, which surrounded her, remained. This, too, soon faded away. All that time I suffered fearfully, while my heart beat so violently that I thought it would leap out of my bosom. I was in intense pain ; but I recollect perfectly holding my rosary in my left hand, having lost the use of the right. I offered my sufferings to Almighty God. I did not know that they were the last of that illness. After having rested a little I felt quite well. I asked what o'clock it was. It was a half hour after midnight. I felt that

I was cured, with the exception of my right arm, the use of which I did not regain until after I had received Holy Communion. O what thanksgiving do I not owe Thee, my good heavenly Mother! My heart can never thank Thee sufficiently. Supply Thyself all that is wanting to me."

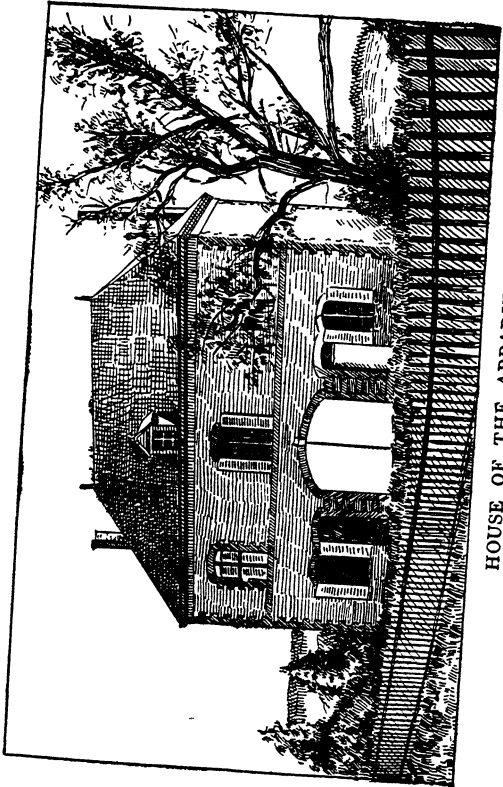
" ESTELLE."

SIXTH APPARITION

Saturday, July 1st, 1876.

" I T is in Thy presence, my God, that I am about to relate the visit I received last night from Thy Blessed Mother, notwithstanding my nothingness and my sins. May it tend to her glory!

" When I knelt to say my prayers, my mind, as usual, reverted to the visions I had seen in February. Immediately afterwards, I took up a book to read a few lines only, not wishing to go to bed late, as I had been forbidden to do so. It was a quarter past ten o'clock. I was on my knees before the fire-place, when, all of a sudden, I saw the Blessed Virgin, surrounded by a soft radiant light, as she had formerly appeared, only this time I saw her whole figure from



HOUSE OF THE APPARITIONS.

head to foot. What beauty ! What sweetness ! The ends of her girdle nearly reached the hem of her dress. She was all in white, and remained standing. Her feet seemed to be on a level with the floor, which was apparently somewhat lower than usual. When I first perceived her, she had her arms stretched out, and from her hands there fell drops like rain. She looked at something fixedly, then taking one of the tassels of her girdle, she raised it to her breast, on which she crossed her hands. She smiled, and looking at me, said : “ *Be calm, my child, have patience ; you will have sorrows, but I will be with you.* ” The tassel of her girdle, which she held, fell from her hands ; it passed quite close to me. I said nothing. I could not speak. I felt very happy. The Blessed Virgin remained another moment then she said to me : “ *Courage, I will come again.* ” She then disappeared very slowly, as she had done in the month of February. Why have I not been able to follow Thee, Oh, my good Mother, but Thou wilt come again ! — (July the 2nd, in the church, after my thanksgiving for Holy Communion).”

“ ESTELLE.”

This vision took place on the eve of the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin, which was also that year the eve of the Consecration of the Basilica of Our Lady of Lourdes.

SEVENTH APPARITION

FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN.

Sunday, July 2nd, 1876.

“ **S**INCE I am to publish Thy glory, I will now, through obedience, relate Thy visit of this night.

“ I went to bed at half-past ten o'clock. It grieved me to retire to rest, as I had seen the Blessed Virgin the night before, about the same hour. I fell at once into a profound sleep. I awoke at half-past eleven, got up, and partly dressed myself, to see what o'clock it was. I thought I had slept much longer. Seeing it was no later, I hoped to see the Blessed Virgin before midnight. I knelt down and said half the Hail Mary. The Blessed Virgin stood before me. I could not finish the prayer, I was too happy.

“ She appeared the same as she did last night ; the drops of rain falling from her hands, and, as she stood there, in a soft halo of light, there was, in the background, a wreath of roses surrounding her. She remained thus for some time. Then she crossed her hands upon her breast, and fixing her eyes upon me, said : “ *You have already published my glory.*” (Here she confided to me a secret which I cannot reveal). “ *Continue to do so. My Son has also some souls more attached to Him. His Heart has so much love for mine, that He cannot refuse me any requests. Through me, He will touch the most hardened hearts.*” She looked most beautiful as she spoke.

“ I was able to ask her something. Remembering the pile of paper I had seen on the 15th and 16th of February, I said to her : “ My Good Mother, what must be done with this paper ? ” “ *It will serve to publish this recital in the manner several of my servants think it ought to be done. There will be much opposition ; but fear nothing — be calm.*” Then I wished to ask her for something else ; that is to say, for a proof of her power, but I felt embarrassed : I did not know how to express my-

self. At last I said: "*My good Mother, for Thy own glory, if Thou pleasest.*—" She understood me, and, with a loving smile, replied: "*Is not your cure one of the greatest proofs of my power? I have come especially for the conversion of sinners.*" And, while she was speaking, I was thinking of various ways in which she might manifest her power. She replied to my thoughts: "*We will see later on.*" She remained with me for a little while longer, and then slowly disappeared. The wreath of roses remained after she was gone, then gradually faded away, together with the surrounding halo of light. I remained on my knees for a short time, then returned to bed. It was half-past twelve o'clock, and it is only through obedience that I have written these lines.

"All for Thy glory, my good Mother; thanks for Thy favors. May Thy Divine Son also be touched by these small efforts which it has been in my power to make, in order to publish Thy glory."

"ESTELLE."

The first part of this account was written immediately after the apparition, at one o'clock in the morning. The rest of it in the morning of the 3rd of July.

EIGHTH APPARITION

Monday, July 3rd, 1876.

“ **L**AST night again I saw the Blessed Virgin. She appeared in the same manner as on the preceding night ; but she remained only a few minutes. She said with an accent of tender reproach : “ *I would wish that you were still more calm. I have not disclosed you the day nor hour on which I intend to return. You require rest. I will remain only a few minutes.*” At that moment I desired to express my wishes to her. She said to me, with a smile : “ *I have come to end the Feast.*” She remained with me a few moments longer ; then went away, as she did on the previous nights. It was not yet midnight.”

Written on the 4th of July, 1876.

“ ESTELLE.”

(The 3rd of July, 1876, was the Feast of the Coronation of Our Lady of Lourdes).

NINTH APPARITION

ON THE SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE
NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, IT BEING
ALSO THE EVE OF THE FEAST OF THE
HOLY NAME OF MARY.

Saturday, September 9th, 1876.

“ **S**INCE Thou dost ask that I should publish Thy glory, my good Mother, it is solely in order to please Thee that I am about to write Thy words.

“ For several days I have wished to revisit the room in which I had been cured. At length, to-day, the 9th of September, I have been able to do so. I was finishing the Rosary when the Blessed Virgin appeared. She was the same as on the 1st of July. Before speaking to me, she looked around in silence, then she said: “ *You deprived yourself of my visit on the 15th of August; you were not sufficiently calm. You have indeed the French character, wishing to know all before learning, and to understand all before knowing. I would have come to you yesterday, too; again, you deprived yourself of my visit. I have been waiting for this act of submission*

“and obedience from you.” At that moment I understood perfectly that if I had not been submissive and obedient, I would have deprived myself of ever again beholding her. She paused, then said: *“For a long time the treasures of my Son have been open. Let them pray.”* Saying these words she raised the small piece of woollen cloth which she wore upon her breast. I had always seen this, but without knowing what it meant; for hitherto it was always pure white. As she took it up, I perceived a red heart, which stood out distinctly in relief. I thought, all at once, that it was a Scapular of the Sacred Heart. She said to me, holding it up: *“I love this devotion.”* She paused, then added: *“It is here I will be honored.”*

“ESTELLE.”

This vision took place about a quarter to three in the afternoon; it lasted seven or eight minutes.

TENTH APPARITION

FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY.

Sunday, September 10th, 1876.

“**T**HE 10th of September, the Blessed Virgin came at nearly the same hour. She simply passed, saying: “*Let them pray, I show them the example.*” While speaking, she joined her hands, then disappeared. The bell for Vespers rang at the same moment.” (1)

“ ESTELLE.”

ELEVENTH APPARITION

FRIDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

Friday, September 15th, 1876.

“**E**N the 15th of September, with the permission of my mistress, I went to pray in my room. What happiness for me! Why cannot I spend my life there! I

(1) The Blessed Virgin wore the Scapular she had revealed yesterday. She will wear it henceforth in all her apparitions.

went there twice, but it was only on the second occasion that I saw the Blessed Virgin. It was then a quarter to three o'clock; she appeared as usual, her arms outstretched, and drops of rain falling from her hands; she remained a long time without speaking to me; she looked about in every direction, and then told me some things which refer only to myself. She said: "I will remember the efforts you have made to be calm. It is not only for you I ask this; but also for the Church and for France. In the Church there is not the calm I desire." She sighed and shook her head, saying: "Something is the matter." She paused; she did not tell me what it was, but I understood immediately that there was some discord. Then she continued slowly: "Let them pray and let them have confidence in me." The Blessed Virgin looked sad, but was not weeping, as she added: "And France! what have I not done for her? How many warnings, and nevertheless she still refuses to listen! I can no longer restrain my Son." She appeared deeply moved as she said: "France will suffer." She emphasized these words. Then she paused once more, and continued:

“*Courage and confidence.*” At that moment the thought occurred to me: “If I say this, it is likely no one will believe me.” The Blessed Virgin understood me, for she replied: “*I have arranged all beforehand.*” “*So much the worse for those who may not be willing to believe you. Later on they will recognize the truth of my words.*” Then she gradually disappeared. O my good Mother! there is still time. Thy encouraging words will increase our love for Thee and our confidence in Thee. Thou art all-merciful and mistress of Thy Son. Thou hast said: “*The treasures of my Son are open.*” Ah! if it pleases Him to try us still more, and to punish us as we deserve, at least we shall have the consolation of drawing from this inexhaustible source, which issues from His Divine Heart. This devotion, which Thou dost love, my good Mother, I will speak of it as much as I possibly can. I am nothing, but Thou wilt permit that my good will to please Thee may serve for Thy glory.”

“ESTELLE.”

The scapular is now revealed; the mission of Estelle becomes public, and it is

worthy of remark that henceforth witnesses will be found present at every succeeding apparition. Mademoiselle Blanche de Tyran had followed Estelle into her room. The following is an abridgment of her deposition :

“ Estelle began to say the rosary, kneeling almost in the middle of the room. She had said about a decade and a half when Mademoiselle de Tyran, who remained about two feet away from her, no longer heard the words, the sound of her respiration, nor the slightest noise of her beads moving. Estelle remained thus on her knees about three quarters of an hour perfectly motionless, her hands joined and slightly extended. At the end of this time she drew a long, sorrowful sigh, seemed to wipe away her tears, and asked Mademoiselle de Tyran if she had not seen the Blessed Virgin. The latter, placed a little distance behind her, could not see her eyes, but saw quite plainly the deep flush on her cheeks. Estelle then described to her the Scapular of the Sacred Heart, and told her some of the details of her vision.”

TWELFTH APPARITION

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS.

Wednesday, November 1st, 1876.

“**T**HOU hast not spoken to me, my good Mother, yet, nevertheless, for Thy glory, I will describe the visit which Thou hast deigned to favor me to-day. For the last fifteen days, notwithstanding all my efforts to refrain from desiring to see the Blessed Virgin again, I could not succeed in doing so, and at the very moment, I resolved most firmly not to think of it. My heart would leap within me, at the thought of again beholding her. To-day, at last — 1st of November — I once more saw this good heavenly Mother. She appeared as usual, with her arms stretched out and wearing the scapular she had shown me on the 9th of September. As usual, also, she gazed intently on something I could not see, then looked around on all sides. She did not speak, but at last, casting her eyes on me, with an expression of the greatest kindness, she disappeared. Oh ! if I could only follow Thee, my good Mother ! This is always my first thought when I see the

Blessed Virgin. To-day, immediately after the departure of the Blessed Virgin, when I looked around the room, everything appeared dark to me. What grief I felt ! My God, what dost Thou wish me to do ? I am ready. Do with me as it shall please Thee. And as for Thy most Holy Mother, who is so good and so merciful, what does she require from a poor creature like me ? What am I to do ? Speak, O most Holy Mother ! I renew the promise I have made to Thee. I will do all that depends on me for Thy glory.”

“ ESTELLE FAGUETTE.”

This apparition took place about half an hour after mid-day. It lasted only a few minutes. Mademoiselle de Tyran was present during this apparition.

She relates that when she had seen Estelle enter the room, she followed her, accompanied by Madame de Larochefoucauld. In about a quarter of an hour they both left it together, but Mademoiselle de Tyran soon returned and found Estelle in the same fixed, motionless state as she had been, when she saw her on the 15th of September. This lasted only a few minutes, but she

remarked afterwards to Madame de Laroche-foucauld that Estelle must assuredly have seen the Blessed Virgin.

Estelle was depressed that evening, because she had not heard the Blessed Virgin speak, as on former occasions. Monsieur le Curé, in order to ascertain her opinion, said that perhaps it was a farewell visit; that if it was true the Blessed Virgin had not spoken, but that she seemed to indicate by her scapular that it should be propagated. "I do not know if I shall see the Blessed Virgin again, but it seems to me that this is not a farewell visit, and that I shall see her again."

THIRTEENTH APPARITION

Sunday, November 5th, 1876.

"**A**BOUT half-past two o'clock, I went to my room to say my beads, and when I had finished, I saw the Blessed Virgin. She looked as beautiful as ever. As I gazed upon her, I reflected how unworthy I was of her favors: that so many others were more deserving of them than I, and

could do so much more to publish her
glory. Then she looked at me and smiled,
saying: "*I have chosen you.*" Oh! how
happy I felt! What goodness in her look,
and what mercy! She wore her scapular;
how beautiful it was! She paused a mo-
ment, and then continued, smiling: "*I*
choose the little ones and the weak for my
glory" Again, she paused, then said:
"*Courage! the time of your trials is ap-*
proaching." Then she crossed her hands
upon her breast and disappeared. All for
Thee, my good Mother."

" ESTELLE F."

This vision lasted nearly a quarter of an
hour, according to the testimony of the
Superioress of the Nuns, Sister Marie Théo-
dosie, who was present at the time. She
states that she entered the room with Es-
telle, who knelt to pray, but not in her usual
place. After a few minutes, the Sister went
back to the church, where she remained
about ten minutes, after which she returned
to Estelle. The noise she made on entering
the room did not disturb Estelle, who was
then kneeling in her usual place, and whose
state of ecstasy she remarked. She ap-

proached within two feet of her, so that she might clearly see her face and watch her eyes. Her face was calm ; her eyes fixed. The Sister could not hear her respiration ; but she saw her breath coming from her lips, which, however, did not move. She remained, during the whole time, perfectly motionless. At the end of the vision she heaved deep sighs and the Sister saw her brushing away her tears. Notwithstanding the announcement of her trials, Estelle was cheerful and even joyous after this apparition. This was remarked by all who saw her on that and the following day.

FOURTEENTH APPARITION

Saturday, November 11th, 1876.

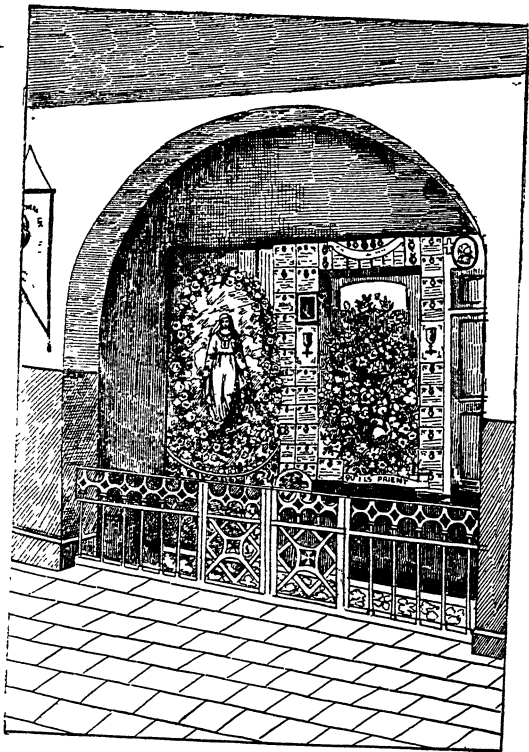
“**Y**ESTERDAY, Saturday, I again beheld the Blessed Virgin. I went to my room to pray, having felt for several days previously an impulse to do so, which I could not account for. I even wished to set out in the morning for Pellevoisin, that I might have more time ; but God had his own designs ; I could not go until the after-

noon, and it was about 4 o'clock when I reached my room. I had finished my beads and said a *Memorare*, when the Blessed Virgin appeared. She looked as usual ; her arms were stretched out and she wore the scapular. (How beautiful it is, and how prominent it appears on her breast !) When she appeared, she remained silent for a considerable time, as she had done on former occasions. Then she looked at me and told me something for myself alone. She said to me : “ *You have not lost your time to-day, you have worked for me.* ” (I had made one scapular). She smiled, and added : “ *It will be necessary to make many more.* ” She paused for a long time and afterwards became somewhat sad, and said to me : “ *Courage.* ” Then she disappeared, crossing her hands upon her breast. She concealed her scapular completely.

“ Have pity on me, my good Mother, I am Thy child.”

“ Written 12th of November.

“ ESTELLE F.”



ROOM OF THE APPARITIONS.

Five persons were witnesses of Estelle's ecstasy during this apparition, which lasted more than a quarter of an hour. Mademoiselle de Tyran was present during the whole time, also the three Sisters, Marie de Jésus, St. Chrysostome and St. Angélique ; and Mademoiselle Thersile Salmon during the last five or six minutes. Mademoiselle de Tyran deposed to the same fixed look and immobility of body as during former ecstasies. Estelle's mother came into the room noisily to speak to Mademoiselle de Tyran, but Estelle did not appear to hear her. She had been on her knees, in her usual place, for ten minutes, when the first four persons above mentioned entered the room. They were talking, and one of them lit a taper quite close to Estelle. They heard noise outside, but Estelle was insensible to everything. They all state that her eyes were fixed without any movement of the eyelids. At the end of the vision, Estelle raised her hand as if to grasp or to follow something. She heaved a deep sigh and big tears rolled down her cheeks. She remained a few moments longer motionless, and appeared quite astonished at seeing a taper lit and five persons close beside her.

As Estelle had been seen by Mademoiselle de Tyran, first saying her Rosary and then some other prayers, she remained not less than forty minutes on her knees.

FIFTEENTH APPARITION

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

Friday, December 8th, 1876.

“SOME hours have now elapsed since my return from Pellevoisin, and I have not as yet recovered from my emotion. I have once more seen the Blessed Virgin, and I shall never again behold her on earth she told me so. No one can possibly understand what I feel; yet I am ready to sacrifice everything for the glory of her who has bestowed so many favors upon me. Her promises will console me. Although I shall not see her again, she will be near me, she will speak to my heart. O my good Mother, grant that I may be docile to Thy voice, and that I may never wander from the path Thou hast marked out for me. Thou hast said to me: “*I will assist you.*” I trust in

Thee—Thou wilt never abandon me. I shall then, for Thy glory, relate, with the greatest confidence, Thy last visit to me.

“ To-day, after High Mass, I once more beheld this sweet Mother. She was encircled by a wreath of roses, as in the month of July. When she appeared, she remained, as on former occasions, for some time without speaking, then she said: “ *Recall to mind all my words.*” At that instant all she had said since the month of February recurred to my memory; the following words in particular: “ *You know well that you are my daughter. I am all-merciful, and mistress of my Son;*” her complaints when she said: “ *What afflicts me most is the want of respect shown by many to my Son in Holy Communion, and the attitude which they assume in prayer when the mind is occupied with other things;*” then the words of the month of July: “ *His heart has so much love for mine, that He cannot refuse my requests. Through me He will move the most obdurate. I have come in particular for the conversion of sinners;*” then those spoken in the month of September: “ *The treasures of my Son are open: let them pray;*” and

when showing her Scapular, she said : “ *I love this devotion ;* ” these remarkable words : “ *It is here I will be honored.* ” I saw again the injunctions for the Church and for France : “ *I recommend calm, not only for thee, but for the Church and for France ;* ” then the words spoken in November : “ *I have chosen thee, I choose the little ones and the weak for my glory.* ” Besides these words, there were several others which I will keep secret. All this passed rapidly. The Blessed Virgin continued looking at me steadily. She said to me : “ *My child, remember my words. Repeat them often ; may they strengthen and console you in your trials. You will see me no more.* ” — Then I exclaimed : “ What will become of me without you, my good Mother ? ” The Blessed Virgin replied : “ *I will be invisibly near you.* ” At the same instant I saw in the distance, to the left of the Blessed Virgin, a crowd of persons of all classes, who threatened me and made angry gestures at me. I felt a little frightened. The Blessed Virgin smiled and said : “ *You have nothing to fear from these. I have chosen you to publish my glory, and to spread this devotion.* ” The Blessed Vir-

gin held her Scapular with both hands. She was so encouraging, that I said to her: "My good Mother, if you would only give me this Scapular?" She did not appear to hear me, but she said, with a smile: "*Arise, and kiss it.*" Oh! how quickly I stood up! She bent towards me, and I kissed it. It was for me a moment of delight.

"Then raising herself up again, she said, referring to the scapular: "*You will go yourself and see the Prelate. You will present to him the model scapular you have made. Tell him that he is to help you with all his power, and that nothing will be more acceptable to me than to see this livery on each one of my children, and that they all must endeavor to repair the outrages received by my Son in the Sacrament of His Love. See the graces I will bestow on those who will wear it with confidence, and who will assist you in propagating it.*" While speaking thus, the Blessed Virgin stretched out her hands, and from them fell an abundant rain, in each drop of which I seemed to read such graces as piety, salvation, confidence, conversion, health; in a word, all sorts of graces. Then the Blessed Virgin added:

“ These graces are from my Son, I take them from His Heart, He can refuse me nothing.” Then I said to her: “ My good Mother, what should be on the other side of this Scapular? ” The Blessed Virgin replied: *“ I reserve it for myself; you will submit your thought and the Church will decide.”*

“ I knew that this good Mother was then about to leave me and I felt deeply grieved. She gently ascended, still looking at me and saying: *“ Courage, should he not be able to grant your request and should any difficulties arise, you will go further. Fear nothing, I will assist you.”* She went half way round my room and disappeared a short distance from my bed. My God, how grieved I felt ! Thanks, my good Mother, I will do nothing without Thee.”

“ ESTELLE FAGUETTE.”

This vision took place about half-past twelve. It lasted more than a quarter of an hour. Fifteen persons were witnesses, during a greater or lesser part of this time, as they did not come into the room together. The following is an abridgment of their depositions :

“ Sister M. Théodosie, the Superioress of the Nuns, Sister St. Emérance, and Mademoiselle Blanche de Tyran saw Estelle for nearly a quarter of an hour. She was already motionless as in the preceding ecstasies when they perceived her immobility. All three saw her, a few moments afterwards, stand up in a great hurry, approach the mantle-piece, which, on that day, had been transformed into an altar for the reception of some Children of Mary, stretch out her trembling hands, place them on a bouquet of roses in the centre of the altar, and then raise herself up as if to grasp or take hold of something. All three saw her also advance her head and her lips as if to kiss something. Her gaze was fixed, but her lips were moving. During the rest of the time her lips were as motionless as her eyes. A few minutes previously, the Superioress of the Sisters, and Sister St. Emérance had seen her looking towards the angle of the wall next the window. Had it not been for the breath which issued from her mouth, she might have been taken for a corpse.

“ Mademoiselle de Tyran then left the room to call Madame de Larochefoucauld, and the persons in the drawing-room upstairs.

She returned followed by Madame de Laroche-foucauld, her two daughters, Mesdemoiselles Solange and Louise, and Mademoiselle Simonet, their governess. As they came down in a hurry, they made a great deal of noise, but Estelle was insensible to it. She now remained standing, her hands crossed over her beads, and her eyes fixed upon something before her. Madame de Laroche-foucauld approached until she was within two feet exactly in front of her. She made a noise moving the chairs, but Estelle did not seem to perceive it.

“ At that instant, the Superioress of the Sisters went to call M. le Curé, who hastened to come, followed by Madame de Menon, by Mademoiselle Thersile Salmon, his sister, and the Superioress. Estelle was still standing. A few moments afterwards all saw her turn her head, but without moving her eyes or her eyelids, towards her bed, which was almost in the middle of the room.

“ M. le Curé, standing between her and Madame de Laroche-foucauld, in the same level, looked at her nearly full in the face. She turned suddenly, seeming to follow something with a fearful intensity of gaze ; she resembled an automaton. Her counte-

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nance was greatly flushed. A few moments afterwards she fell upon her knees.

“ Madame de Larochefoucauld, and the persons who had entered the room with her, saw Estelle for eleven minutes ; M. le Curé and those who accompanied him, for a little more than five. At one time he made noise intentionally ; but Estelle did not appear to perceive it any more than that made by the other persons entering the room.

“ She was kneeling before the altar when Sister St. Chrysostome, Sister Marie Angélique, and Marie Sarrazin came in. They saw quite distinctly her flushed face turn towards the left, and remarked her perfect immobility. An instant afterwards Sister Marie de Jésus came in, who only perceived her motionless state. As these Sisters had seen Estelle in ecstasy on the 11th of November, they declared that they perceived no difference in her then except the slight movement she made towards the left. A few moments previously, M. l'Abbé Goujon, the tutor at Poiriers, had come in ; but as his attention was directed chiefly to a statue of the Blessed Virgin (not having been able to see Estelle's countenance from the position he occupied), he merely remarked the move-

ment of her head, which seemed to follow something.

The room and the corridor were now crowded. Other persons arrived, but it was too late. Estelle had returned to her ordinary state, had taken off her rosary and inquired the hour. They only saw her brush away her tears.

Questioned that same evening as to whether she was aware of having got up and touched the roses, she replied that she did not know anything about it; but that she must certainly have stood up, as the Blessed Virgin had ordered her to do so. As for touching roses, she did not understand what was meant by it.

Several persons went to pray in the room during the evening, and great emotion reigned at Pellevoisin.

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LETTER FROM ESTELLE

Brought early in September, 1875, by Mademoiselle Reiter, to the feet of Notre-Dame de Lourdes, at Poiriers, and returned to Madame de Larochevoucauld, at Pellevoisin, the day after the last apparition.

“ **E** MY good Mother, behold me once again prostrate at Thy feet. Thou canst not refuse to hear me. Thou hast not forgotten that I am Thy child and that I love Thee. Obtain for me then from Thy Divine Son, for His glory, the health of my poor body. Look upon the grief of my parents. Thou knowest that I am their sole support. Shall I not be able to complete the work I have begun? If, on account of my sins, a complete cure cannot be granted, obtain for me at least a little strength so as to enable me to earn my livelihood and support my parents. Thou seest, my good Mother, that they are on the point of being obliged to beg their bread; I cannot think of it without being deeply afflicted. Remember, then, the sufferings Thou didst endure the night of the birth of the Saviour, when Thou wert obliged to go from door to door seeking for shelter. Remember, also, all the grief Thou didst endure when Jesus was extended on the cross. I have confidence in Thee, my good Mother. If Thou wish it,

Thy Son can cure me. He knows that I have ardently desired to be numbered among His spouses and that it was with the intention of pleasing Him that I sacrificed my life for my family, who are so much in need of my services. Deign to listen to my supplications, my good Mother, and to repeat them to Thy Divine Son. May He restore me health, if it be pleasing to Him ; but His will, not mine, be done. May He at least grant me perfect resignation to His decrees, and may this tend to my salvation, and that of my parents. Thou dost possess my heart, Holy Virgin, keep it always, and may it be the pledge of my love and gratitude for Thy Maternal goodness. I promise Thee, my good Mother, if Thou dost grant me the graces I implore, to do every thing in my power for Thy glory and that of Thy Son. Take under Thy protection my dear little niece, and keep her out of the way of bad example. Grant, O Holy Virgin, that I may imitate Thee in Thy obedience, and that one day I may with Thee possess Jesus for all eternity.”

This letter was found untouched, a few days before the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 1876, by a workman who had

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been employed to repair the grotto at Poiriers. Through some negligence, it was not sent to Madame de Larochefoucauld, who was at Pellevoisin, until the 9th of December, the day after the last apparition. Strange coincidence, it would seem, that as our Blessed Lady wished the marble slab to be placed at Poiriers, she also wished to return the letter there, as if to say: "*They believed that all was over when this letter was sent to me, but all will not end until I shall have given it back again.*"



EPILOGUE

The Blessed Virgin, in pronouncing the name of *Pellevoisin*, endowed it with life and caused it to enter at once into the religious history of France. The Scapular of the Sacred Heart, which she has revealed, daily spreads in every direction, over the entire world, the knowledge and love of both Mother and Son. Everywhere it is preaching expiation and reparation of which it is the emblem, thus preparing mercy, as forgiveness can come down from heaven only through the penance of men on earth.

What more proper to excite in our hearts both the contrition of our sins and love of God, than the sight of this Scapular with the crown of thorns, the cross and the jet of blood and water ! *Pellevoisin* is the complement of *Paray-le-Monial*, since the Blessed Virgin came to impress, in a sensible manner, on the Scapular, the adorable Heart of Jesus who revealed the devotion, 200 years ago. It is also the echo and resume of the century in which our Heavenly Queen came to request prayer and penance.

This is the reason why she said: "*I love this devotion;*" the reason why she recommended, when about to leave us, in her last apparition, to wear this precious Scapular, adding: "*Nothing will be more acceptable to me than to see this livery on each of my children.*" This desire so agreeable to the Blessed Virgin, is progressively realized every day, for the pious faithful have nothing more at heart than to please their Heavenly Queen by wearing her livery which is, at the same time, that of her Divine Son. The Scapular of Pellevoisin is to-day (Feast of all Saints, 1897), worn by 300,000 associates, in the whole world.

Mgr. de la Tour d'Auvergne caused inquests to be made on the facts which took place at Pellevoisin in 1876, consulted Rome in June 1877, on the occasion of the episcopal Jubilee of Pius IX, and, on his return, canonically established the Confraternity in honor of Our Lady of Pellevoisin, under the title of *Mother All-merciful*. On the anniversary of the revelation of the Scapular, he sent M. l'abbé Sautereau, first Vicar-General, president of the Inquest, to bless the room of the apparitions, converted into a provisory chapel, to celebrate mass, bless the statue

of Pellevoisin, and preside over the first pilgrimage; then, on the following month, October 11th, — on that month which was to become, a few years later, the month of the Rosary, — while conferring Confirmation in presence of several parishes united, the Prelate, in the sweet majesty which always accompanies him, thanked the Blessed Virgin for having chosen his diocese to visit France anew, and predicted the homages which would thenceforth be rendered to her. It was his *Nunc dimittis*. Two years later he was no more.

The blessing given at the pilgrimage by Mgr. de la Tour d'Auvergne ascended again to heaven, and other favors were showered upon us. Leo XIII had sent His Apostolical Benediction before granting, by Brief, plenary indulgences, when the Sacred Heart called Mgr. Boyer to the see of St. Ursin, March 1893.

Mgr. Boyer is doubly the infant of the Sacred Heart, as by his Provencial origin he belongs to the land of Lazarus, and Mary Magdalene, and by his birth at Paray-le-Monial, to that of the Blessed Margaret Mary. Pellevoisin is the complement of Paray-le-Monial, and therefore have we been

happy to see our first Pastor coming from that blessed spot to crown the work of Our Lady of Pellevoisin.

His Eminence Cardinal Boyer died in the peace of the Lord, on December 26th, 1896, with the aureola of an eminently edifying death. Mgr. Servonnet, bishop of Digne, succeeded him in the month of August, 1897. Even before entering his new diocese, this pious Prelate had promised M. le Curé of Pellevoisin to come and preside over the pilgrimage of September 9th, 1897. And he did come with the Vicars-General Lelong and Martel, and publicly declared, with no less authority than amiability, that *he was the child of the Blessed Virgin, and felt happy to be her pilgrim at Pellevoisin.*

Mgr. Servonnet has special titles to continue the work of Our Lady of Pellevoisin. He was born in the land of La Salette, and, for years, lived at the feet of Notre-Dame de Fourvières, who desired that Our Lady of Pellevoisin should be located on the banks of the Rhône, near Lyons, in the parish of St. Euchèr.

Our Lady of La Salette is the first of the great apparitions of the century which attracted pilgrims. On the morrow of the

Commune, the first national pilgrimage repaired to La Salette. On that same occasion was uttered the famous sceptic phrase: "Pilgrimages are not in our customs." And from the top of Heaven, the Blessed Virgin answered by founding a new one in the very heart of France.

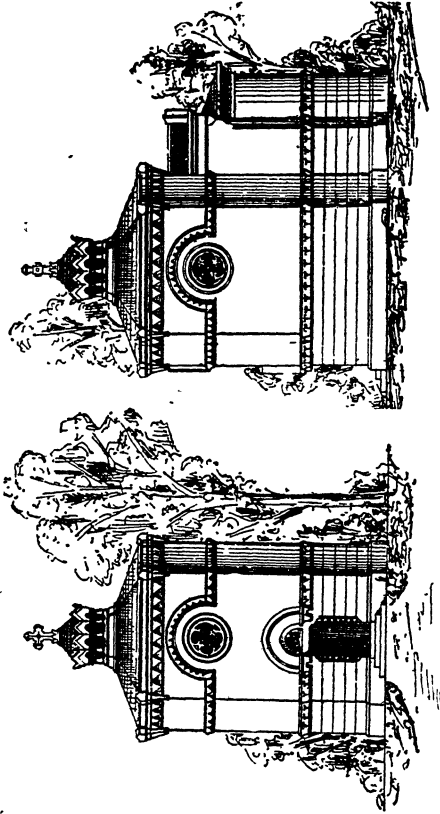
The confraternity, canonically erected by Mgr. de la Tour d'Auvergne in 1877, was on Mgr. Boyer's request, raised to the rank of Arch-confraternity by His Holiness Leo XIII, May 8th, 1894, first secular feast of St. Michael, and first feast of Joan of Arc. This date was providentially chosen by the Blessed Virgin who came to recommend us both the Church and France.

Leo XIII has already granted, by a Brief, (1892), some indulgences to the pilgrimage of September 9th, anniversary of the revelation of the scapular, and accepted the statue of Our Lady of Pellevoisin. It was offered to him on the occasion of his episcopal jubilee by the parish priest of Pellevoisin who had the never-to-be-forgotten consolation of hearing the Pope say to him, July 3rd, 1893, anniversary of the 8th apparition: "*I am happy to receive it. I accept it with delight.*" Nor, did he content him-

self with accepting the gift, but, to confer greater honors on the Blessed Virgin, ordered that it should be sent to the Nuns of the Precious Blood, — at Carpineto, his native city, — a community which he founded with his own funds, by means of a family legacy ; and so, Our Lady is at the Pope's.

May the *Mother All-merciful* preserve him for many years yet to come, as head of the Church and for the veneration of his children !

The statue is also in a great many other sanctuaries in which the graces she lavishes are an encouragement to her devotion. It will suffice to name the principal centres : Rome, Paris, the Basilica of Montmartre, Lyons, Paray-le-Monial, Lourdes, Bourges, Nantes, Lorient, Blois, Joinville-le-Pont, Châlons, Vourles, near Lyons, at the mother-house of the Clerics of Saint Viateur, Senlis, Les Ternes near St. Flour, Antwerp, Londerzeel, in Belgium, Cork, in Ireland, Florence, Constantinople, Beyrouth, Jerusalem, Algiers, St. Denis at the Reunion, Montreal, Joliette, Ville St. Louis, Bourbonnais Ill., and a few other places both in Canada and the United States, as well as Meanee, in Oceanica.



ORATORY OF OUR LADY OF PELLEVOISIN, AT THE NOVITIATE OF THE
CLERICS OF SAINT VIATEUR, AT OULLINS, (FRANCE).

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The public chapel of the Clerics of Saint Viateur, at Outremont, has the privilege of possessing a shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Pellevoisin. The beautiful statue held in veneration there, is the gift of a generous benefactress of Roubaix (France), and has been obtained through the medium of one of the most devoted apostles of Mary. The circumstances which attended its arrival at Outremont, together with other coincidences, incline us to believe that *it is here* that the *Mother all-merciful will be honored*. The briefness of this recital does not allow us to enter into further details. Suffice it to say that Our Lady, after having attracted several hundred pilgrims, manifested her mercy by abundant graces and signal favors, both spiritual and temporal.

This word, fallen from her maternal heart: "*Nothing will be more acceptable to me than to see this livery on each of my children,*" has been understood by the faithful, and over 10,000 Scapulars of the Sacred Heart have been distributed, from June to December 1898; and this represents an equal number of new associates of the Archconfraternity of Our Lady of Pellevoisin.

May the good and Immaculate Mary be

known, served and glorified more and more, and may, day after day, the worship and love of her Divine Son ever increase in our hearts! For that is the *devotion she loves*, and that she came to teach us herself, by *prayer*, through the Rosary, so admirably symbolized by the garland of tri-colored roses with which the radiant apparition was thrice surrounded.

(Apparitions of July 2d, September 9th, and December 8th).



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ARCH-CONFRATERNITY

OF

OUR LADY OF PELLEVOISIN

TO honor with a special worship the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ who, on the cross, shed all His Blood for us to the very last drop ; to honor the Most Blessed Virgin, His Mother, in whose womb this Divine Heart was formed by the operation of the Holy Ghost ; to console our dear Lord for the outrages inflicted on Him in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and to yield at last to the warnings the Most Blessed Virgin has given us during more than thirty years : such are the ends of the Arch-confraternity of Our Lady of Pellevoisin.

How, indeed, could we remain indifferent at the thought that Our Dear Lord came, two hundred years ago, to reveal to us the treasures of His Sacred Heart, and that the Blessed Virgin in recent years ceases not to show us the means of appeasing the wrath of her Divine Son which she can no longer restrain?...

The exterminating Angel spared the Hebrews at the sight of the blood of the Paschal Lamb staining the doors of their houses ; how shall God smite us if he sees us protected by the Heart of his Son and the image of Mary, Mother all-merciful ?

It would seem as if the Most Blessed Virgin, saddened by the woes that are threatening us, had come like a tender mother to mediate between the wrathful Father and the guilty child, and to wrap us in the large Scapular of Pellevoisin, as with in a protecting mantle.

EXTRACTS

FROM THE

Statutes of the Arch - Confraternity

ARTICLE I.

With the approbation of His Grace the Archbishop of Bourges, a Confraternity has been established in the Parish Church of Pellevoisin (Indre), Diocese of Bourges, in honor of Our Lady of Pellevoisin, under the invocation of Mother all-merciful.

ARTICLE 2.

The Members of the Confraternity bind themselves to wear the Scapular of Our Lady of Pellevoisin constantly, and to recommend others to wear it.

ARTICLE 3.

All the faithful may become members of this Arch-confraternity ; nevertheless children, excepting in special cases, should wait till their first communion to be received, that they may the better fulfil the intention of the Confraternity, the most important of which is the communion of reparation.

ARTICLE 4.

The Associates will endeavor to repair, by their Communion, the outrages inflicted to Our Lord in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

ARTICLE 5.

They are recommended to offer one or several Communion in reparation for those who neglect their Paschal Communion.

ARTICLE 6.

The members bind themselves to sanctify the Sunday, to combat blasphemy, to be-

ware of uniting pious practices with a worldly behavior, avoiding all the sins which are denounced to us as chiefly drawing down the wrath of God on our heads.

ARTICLE 7.

A mass shall be said, the first Saturday of every month, at 8 o'clock, in the room of the apparitions, for all the members and for all the faithful departed recommended to the prayers.

ARTICLE 8.

All the Associates are recommended to say one decade of the Rosary every day or at least one Hail Mary, with the aspirations: "Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us; Mother All-merciful, pray for us," for the triumph of the Church, and Our Holy Father the Pope, for the salvation of France, the conversion of sinners, and, in general, for all the intentions for which prayers are asked.



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Scapular of Our Lady of Pellevoisin

A Confraternity has been established in the parish Church of Pellevoisin (Indre), Diocese of Bourges, in honor of Our Lady of Pellevoisin, under the title of "Mother All-merciful."

To become a member, it is sufficient to wear the Scapular, and to send to the Director one's christian and surname, with the name of the parish and diocese to which one belongs.

The Scapular represents on one piece the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus ; and, on the other, that of Our Lady of Pellevoisin, according to the model approved by the Archbishop of Bourges.

The Scapular of the Sacred Heart of Our Lady of Pellevoisin is already worn by more than 300,000 Associates in the world, as a pledge of expiation and reparation (1). It is spreading daily, and those who love Our Blessed Lady are asked to wear it and propagate it as much as possible, according to the wish expressed by Our All-merciful Mother, at Pellevoisin.

(1) On the Feast of the Sacred Heart, 1892, the Arch-confraternity of Our Lady of Pellevoisin numbered 210,952 Associates in the world, divided thus: Europe, 192,144; Asia, 3,619; Africa, 918; America, 12,566; Australia, 1,706.

BRIEF OF POE LEO XIII

We are accustomed to enrich, willingly, with particular titles and honors, associations consecrated to exercises of piety and charity, not only to encourage them to pursue their noble project, but even to enable them to produce more abundant fruits of sanctification.

As Our Venerable Brother, the Archbishop of Bourges, has earnestly entreated Us to bestow the title of Arch-confraternity on the pious association canonically established in the parish of his diocese called Pellevoisin, under the title of All-merciful Mother, We have resolved to favor these pious wishes, convinced that this title would still more develop the said Association.

This is why, wishing to give all and each of those, in whose favor these letters are delivered, a mark of kindness, and (solely on account of the present occasion) absolving, and regarding them as having a right to be absolved, from any sentence of excommunication and interdict which they may have incurred, and which may have been pronounced against them, in whatever manner and whatever cause it may be, We, by Our Apostolic Authority, in virtue of the present circumstances, erect and constitute

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into an Arch-confraternity to perpetuity, with the usual privileges, the said Confraternity in the Parochial Church of Pellevoisin.

Given at Rome, under the Fisherman's Seal, on the 8th of May, 1894, the seventeenth year of Our Pontificate.

M. CARDINAL RAMPOLLA.

INDULGENCES

His Eminence Cardinal Boyer, Archbishop of Bourges, to whom Our Holy Father left the care of designating the days on which to gain indulgences, chose the following:

1^o The day on which the Scapular is taken; 2^o February 15th; 3^o February 19th; 4^o Feast of Corpus Christi; 5^o Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; 6^o July 2^d, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin; 7^o September 9th; 8^o September 15th; 9^o November 11th; 10^o December 8th, Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

The reader will at once admire the choice made by His Eminence the Cardinal, and thank him for having designated to our attention and to the piety of the faithful, the days of the principal apparitions of Our Lady of Pellevoisin.

TEACHINGS
OF
OUR LADY OF PELLEVOISIN

NOWHERE has the Blessed Virgin appeared for so long a period of time as at Pellevoisin, almost a whole year, and in none of her apparitions has she, as there, multiplied her recommendations for each of us, for the Church and for France. Christian souls will derive great benefit from the meditation of these facts.

These recommendations perfectly harmonize with the instructions of Leo XIII, and this harmony seems none the less marvelous, when we consider that the Blessed Virgin's teachings were printed in 1876, two years before the elevation to the See of Rome of the great Pontiff who placed all his confidence and strength in the August Queen of the Holy Rosary.

The chief recommendations may be reduced to fifteen :

1^o *Our Lady of Pellevoisin drives away the devil* to show us our enemy, and, at the same time, her power over him. So did Our Lord on revealing himself to the world.

In conformity with the directions of Leo XIII, every day, after mass, both the priest and the faithful beg of the Mother of Mercy *to baffle the malice and craft of the devil.* (1st, 2^d, 3rd and 4th apparitions).

2^o She recommends pious associations by reminding Estelle that she is a child of Mary (1st app.)

3^o *Entire resignation to the will of God*, as did Our Lord during his Passion. The Blessed Virgin well knew that Estelle would be cured, but she chose to leave her 24 hours in uncertainty, that she might preserve the merit of her sacrifice. *Thy will be done*, do we say every day in the Lord's prayer. *Calm* so often recommended in the different apparitions. (1st app.)

4^o *They require a stimulus.* More than fifteen times, the Blessed Virgin recommends courage, patience, efforts. The reason of this is, that the christian, now-a-days, too easily forgets the desperate struggle to be sustained between good and evil and the part he has to take therein, for the Church

is militant ; he has been made a soldier by Confirmation, and it is shame and treason for him to desert the combat. (1st app.)

5^o *End of life.* It is given to us to merit heavenly happiness through sufferings. *Suffering* and *penance*, evangelical words which frighten some pious souls, because they lack being merely Christian souls living in accordance with the spirit of the Gospel. (2^d app.)

6^o *Filial love so easily forgotten now-a-days.* Too many children forget their duties towards their parents. The Blessed Virgin recalls how God blesses those who faithfully observe the 4th commandment. (3rd app.)

7^o *Respect and reparation in Holy Communion.* The Sacred Heart one day bitterly complained to the Blessed Margaret Mary, of the indifference and sacrilegious attempts of which he is the Victim in the Sacrament of his love. At Pellevoisin, the Blessed Virgin claims respect and reparation. Jesus-Christ is indeed every thing to Mary, and she suffers from so many profanations of consecrated Hosts and even from want of respect from the part of persons who pretend to be pious. (5th and 15th app.)

8° *Sanctification of the Press.* The Press is the most powerful weapon of the day. Our Lady of Pellevoisin expresses the wish that it should be used to do good. (7th app.)

9° *Revelation of the Scapular of the Sacred Heart* in 1876, a year after the consecration of all the faithful to the Sacred Heart, ordered by Pius IX of saintly memory. The scapular reminds us of this consecration and is the complement of Parayle-Monial. (9th, 14th and 15th apparitions).

10° *Prayer* is four times recommended on the day of the revelation of the scapular, once on the day following and in the 11th and 15th apparitions.

Prayers are also ordered by Leon XIII: Prayer to Saint Joseph, the Rosary, Novena to the Holy-Ghost.

11° *The Church and France:* two words fallen from the lips of the Blessed Virgin, at Pellevoisin. May France show herself eternally proud and grateful for the solicitude of Mary towards her, by a prompt return to her mission as defender of Christ. (11th app.)

12° *Sadness of Our Lady of Pellevoisin caused by a lack of union in the Church and by the obduracy of France.*

Efforts of Leo XIII to restore union between Catholics and dissentient Christians. (11th app.)

13^o *Propagation of the Scapular* as a token of reparation ; and joy of the Blessed Virgin to see it on each of her children. (14th and 15th app.)

14^o *Zeal and apostolate*, a recommendation, which is at least ten times heard, in different terms, from the lips of the Blessed Virgin. The truth is, that a christian who really loves Our Lord cannot remain indifferent at the sight of the desperate war declared to the Church in a thousand ways. (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th and 15th app.)

15^o *Obedience* to the Priest, to the Bishop and to the Pope. Such is religious Authority under different titles. How beautiful and strong the Church is, when her word spoken by Rome, reaches the faithful through the Bishop and the Priest, to rally them to the signal given by the Vicar of Jesus-Christ!

A triple bond is difficult to break, says the Holy Scripture, and it is impossible to destroy this one, as Jesus-Christ himself is the seal of it. (5th, 9th, and 15th app.)

PRAYER

TO

OUR LADY OF PELLEVOISIN

GMOTHER all-merciful, Thou comest to us with hands extended and full of graces to draw us to Thee and load us with Thy favors. Behold us running to the odors of Thy ointments sweeter than roses. Cover our eyes with the veil of modesty ; gird us with the string of purity and penance ; bind us to Thy feet with the bonds of a faithful love, and place over our hearts the blessed image of the Heart of Thy Divine Son. May it be to us as the shield of the greatest and most powerful protection, till the day when we shall rest in the bosom of God for all eternity. Amen.

(100 days of indulgence, granted by His Holiness Leo XIII).

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.

(100 days indulgence).

Mother all-merciful, pray for us.

PRAYERS AFTER MASS

HAIL Mary, etc., *to be said thrice.*
Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy !
Our life, our sweetness and our hope, hail !
To Thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve :

To Thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.

Turn then, most gracious advocate, Thine eyes of Mercy towards us ;

And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of Thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary !

v. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

r. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY

O GOD, our refuge and strength, look with clemency on Thy people crying to Thee ; and by the intercession of the glorious and immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of God, the Blessed Joseph, her Spouse, the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, in Thy mercy and bounty give

ear to the prayers which we pour out for the conversion of sinners, and for the freedom and exaltation of Holy Mother Church, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the combat ;

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil ;

LET GOD REBUKE HIM, we suppliantly implore ; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God drive back into hell Satan and the other wicked spirits that roam through the world for the perdition of souls. Amen.

The foregoing prayers have been ordered by Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIII, to be recited aloud by the priest and the congregation, on bended knees after celebration of each Low Mass.

Three hundred days' indulgence is gained by each recital.





SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF PELLEVOISIN
IN THE CHAPEL OF THE CLERICS OF SAINT
VIATEUR, AT OUTREMONT.

USEFUL REMARKS

I

IN the public chapel of the establishment of the Clerics of Saint Viateur, comprising the Provincial-house and Juvenate, is a Shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Pellevoisin. The way to it from Montreal is through Bleury street, and Park Avenue, which lead straight up to Saint Viateur street, a few steps from the chapel.

II

Masses paid for in honor of the Blessed Virgin will be celebrated as soon as possible in the order of request.

III

For the greatest glory of Mary, Mother All-merciful, the servants of Our Lady of Pellevoisin are requested to give us cognizance of any favor they may have received through her intercession.

IV

All tokens of gratitude, such as *ex-votos*, etc., to adorn her shrine, will be gratefully received.

V

Any request of prayers is especially recommended to the community.

VI

Scapulars, as well as other articles of devotion in honor of Our Lady of Pellevoisin, may be had at the parlor of the Juvenate of the Clerics of Saint Viateur, or by mail. All communications to be addressed to the *Clerics of Saint Viateur*, Outremont, near Montreal, via Mile-End.

VII

In the name of His Holiness Leo XIII the Sacred Congregation of Rites have approved the Scapular of the Sacred Heart. The decree of institution bears the date of April 4th 1900.

VIII

The Scapular of the Sacred Heart should be blessed and received from a priest duly authorized to confer it.

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The Fathers of the Provincial Direction and of the Juvenate of the Clerics of St.

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Viateur who have been authorized to bless and enroll into the Scapular, will be most happy to receive any persons desirous of being invested with it.

X

The Superior General of the Oblates of Mary, residing at (rue Saint Pétersbourg 26) Paris, France, the Superior of the Chaplains of the Sacred Heart of Montmartre (rue de la Barre, 31, Paris-Montmartre), Almoner of the church of the Visitation of Paray-le-Monial, and the Director of the Archconfraternity of the Sacred Heart at Rome have received from the Sacred Congregation of Rites the privilege of delegating to the secular and regular clergy who may apply to them the power of enrolling into the Scapular of the Sacred Heart.

XI

All pious articles connected with the devotion of Our Lady of Péllevoisin can be had by applying to the Rev. L. R. Masse C. S. V. at the Juvenate of the Clerics of St. Viateur, Outremont, (near Montreal).

XII

The Scapulars are blessed before being delivered. No ceremony is needed to take or renew the Scapular of Our Lady of Pellevoisin.

XIII

An important point is to preserve the dimensions and details of form given in the model-Scapular approved by the Archbishop of Bourges.

XIV

It is to be remembered that to become a member of the Archconfraternity, as well as to have a share in the indulgences, it is necessary to have one's name and full address registered, which may be done by sending such addresses to the Clerics of Saint Viateur who will take charge of transmitting the same to the Archconfraternity, at Pellevoisin (France).

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Persons desiring to do so, may have lamps or tapers to burn before the Statue at the following conditions :

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For a burning-lamp, 5 cents a day ; \$1.00 a month ; for a taper, from 5 to 15 cents, according to size.

We complete the preceding notes by giving a list of articles to be spread. The following prices comprise postage :

Our Lady of Pellevoisin, short treatise, 92 pages, 5 ct. a unit ; 50 ct. a dozen ; \$4.00 a hundred.

Scapulars of Our Lady of Pellevoisin, 15 ct. a unit ; \$1.50 a dozen.

Fine : 50 ct. a unit ; \$2.50 a dozen.

Images of Our Lady of Pellevoisin, with prayer on the reverse ;

Images of the Sacred Heart, with promises to the Blessed Margaret Mary, on the reverse ;

Images of Saint Viateur, with prayer on the reverse ;

Images of Our Lady of Pellevoisin, printed on linen for Scapulars : 1 ct. a unit ; 15 ct. a dozen ; 75 ct. a hundred.

Medals of Our Lady of Pellevoisin, (white metal), 1 ct. a unit ; 10 ct. a dozen ; 75 ct. a hundred.

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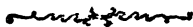
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