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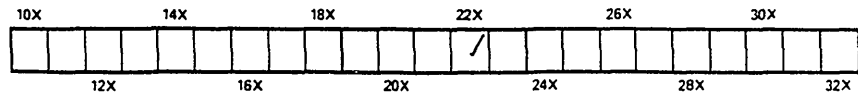
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SAINTE ANNE DE BEAUPRÉ

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In the Temple.

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THE BISHOPS OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PROVINCES OF QUEBEC, TORONTO,
MONTREAL, OTTAWA AND
SAINT BONIFACE



QUEBEC
1898

DECLARATION

Being desirous of absolutely and fully conforming to the decree of Urban VIII, we declare that we attach but a purely human faith to the extraordinary and supernatural facts related in the *Annals of Ste Anne de Beaupré*.

In like manner, when we make use of expressions of praise or veneration with respect to pious personages, we in no wise seek to forestall the judgement of the Holy Church to which we submit both in our mind and in our heart.

THE DIRECTOR



Vol. 12 May 1898 No. 1.

Annals of
Sainte Anne de Beauport

APPROBATION

HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP OF CYRÈNE.
(Translation)

Archbishop's Palace
Quebec, 15th December 1897.

Reverend Father Girard C. SS. R.
Director of the « Annals of St Anne »

Reverend Father,



HAVE learned with deep satisfaction that the Redemptorist Fathers of St Anne de Beauport in assuming charge of the *Annals of St Anne*, propose to give a new impetus to that religious publication.

The improvements that you have announced both as regards the outward form and also the editing of the *Annals* are thoroughly in keeping with the requirements of the period. To efficiently combat the evil that unwholesome publications cause among our good people of Canada and that they threaten to spread and to daily aggravate more and more, it is necessary that pious reviews like yours should appeal at the same time to the mind, to the heart and to the good sense of readers. Religion should take entire possession of man.

I am convinced that the *Annals* under your able management —

by propagating devotion to St Ann more and more among our families and by causing the almost innumerable benefits of that great Thaumaturga to be better known and appreciated - will render an immense service to the cause of religion and also to the Canadian nation whose history is so intimately connected with the devotion to St Ann; I therefore hasten to bless your pious undertaking and I earnestly hope that your noble efforts will be crowned with complete success.

Accept, Reverend Father,
the assurance of my entire devotedness in Our Lord,
† L. N. Archbishop of Cyrene, Administrator.

HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP OF OTTAWA.
(Translation)

Archbishop's Palace

Ottawa, 6th November 1897.

Reverend Father Girard, C. SS. R.

Reverend Father,

BY your letter of the 24th of last March you inform me that the Redemptorist Fathers of St Anne de Beaupré, will, with the approbation of His Grace Archbishop Bégin, shortly undertake the management of the *Annals of St-Anne*; that the size of those *Annals* is to be enlarged, the number of pages increased, and that they will even be adorned with religious engravings. I am pleased that you should have thus given me the opportunity of renewing my approbation of that publication so dear to thousands of pious souls, and which the Reverend Fathers propose to make still more conformable to the dignity and importance of the blessed shrine of which it has always been, and will remain, the faithful echo.

I remain, Reverend Father, your obedient servant
† J. THOMAS, Archbishop of Ottawa

HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO.

St John's Grove, Sherbourne St., Toronto,

December 9th 1897.

Reverend P. Girard, C. SS. R.

Ste Anne de Beaupré, Quebec.

Dear Reverend Father,

I AM glad to learn that the Redemptorist Fathers of St Anne de Beaupré are about to take charge of the *Annals of St Anne* and intend to enlarge and improve them. I wish them God speed in their

pious undertaking which, I trust, will meet from an appreciative public the encouragement and patronage it deserves.

† JAMES WALSH,
Archbishop of Toronto.

HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP OF ST-HYACINTHE,
(Translation)

Bishop's Palace
St-Hyacinthe, 26th October 1897.

Reverend Father P. Girard C. SS. R.

My dear Father,

I LEARN with very great pleasure that your Fathers of St Anne de Beaupré have become the proprietors of the *Annals of St-Anne*, hitherto published by the Directors of Levis College, and that they will in future be under the control and direction of the guardians of the venerable shrine of Beaupré. It is quite natural that this should be the case, for it is in her privileged church in Canada that Good St Ann works all the spiritual and temporal wonders with which she is pleased to favor her children on this continent. I have no doubt that that pious publication, with the excellent changes that it is proposed to make in it, will have a considerable increase in its circulation, and will thereby greatly contribute towards instilling in the hearts of all a more ardent devotion for, and confidence in, the Good and Holy Patroness and Mother of Canada.

Wishing every success to the eminently religious undertaking whose direction is confided to you, I remain,

Yours most devotedly and affectionately in Our Lord.
† L. Z. Bishop of St-Hyacinthe.

HIS LORDSHIP THE VICAR APOSTOLIC OF PONTIAC,
Translation

Apostolic Vicariate of Pontiac
Pembroke, 26th October 1897.

Reverend Father P. Girard C. SS. R.

Reverend Father,

I AM very glad to hear that you have happily concluded the transaction of which you spoke to me at the time of the pastoral visitation.

May God bless your projects and grant to the publication of the *Annals of St. Anne* all the success and efficacy that you expect from it.

With affectionate greetings, I remain
Your most devoted servant in Jesus Christ,

† N. Z. LORRAIN, V. A. P.

HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP OF DRUZIPARA.
(Translation)

Bishop's Palace

St-Hyacinthe, 26th October 1897.

Reverend Father P. Girard C. SS. R.

Reverend Father,

I wish to thank you for the good news conveyed to me by your letter respecting the *Annals of St. Anne*. The wish that I had long felt with all the souls who are devoted to our holy Patroness is at last about to be accomplished.

With the development and improvements of all kinds that you will be able to give them, those pious *Annals* will spread devotion still more to the great Thaumaturga. For my part, I congratulate and thank you.

Truly yours in Our Lord

† MAX, Bishop of Druzipara.

HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP OF NICOLET.
(Translation)

Bishop's Palace

Nicolet, 27th October 1897.

Reverend Father P. Girard C. SS. R.

My dear Father,

I wish you all the success that you desire in connection with the *Annals*.

The programme laid down by you seems to me well planned. Forward success awaits you, if not as much as you may hope at the outset, at least in a very near future.

Accept with the assurance of the interest that I feel in your undertaking, the further expression of my sincere affection.

† ELPHEGE, Bishop of Nicolet.

HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP OF RIMOUSKI.
(Translation)

Bishop's Palace

Rimouski, 20th October 1897.

Reverend Father F. Girard, C. SS. R.

Reverend Father,

YOUR good letter of the 24th ult tells me that the Redemptorist Fathers of St Anne de Beaupré will soon, with the approbation of His Grace the Archbishop Administrator of the diocese of Quebec, assume the management of the *Annals of St Anne*. As those *Annals* have done immense good by developing the marvelous devotion to St Ann in our various dioceses of the Province of Quebec and everywhere else where they are read, I cannot but praise the mission of your Fathers and approve and bless their undertaking from the bottom of my soul.

With such dispositions, I wish every success to that work of pious propagation I commend myself to the fervent prayers of your Fathers of the Shrine of St Anne de Beaupré and I remain.

My Reverend Father

Yours most devotedly in Our Lord

† ANDRÉ ALBERT, Bishop of St Germain de Rimouski.

HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP OF SHERBROOKE.
(Translation)

Bishop's Palace

Sherbrooke 6th November 1897.

Reverend Father P. Girard C. SS. R.
St Anne de Beaupré

Reverend Father,

YOUR project of enlarging the size, of increasing the number of pages of the *Annals of St Anne*, of making them still more attractive and more useful by adorning them with religious and historical engravings is assuredly worthy of all praise.

I wish you every success in that undertaking which will necessarily contribute to make our great Thaumaturga better known and still more beloved.

Yours most devotedly in Our Lord,

† PAUL, Bishop of Sherbrooke.

HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP OF LONDON.

St Peter's Palace

London, Ont., December 10th 1897

Reverend P. Girard, C. SS. R,

Dear Reverend Father,

IN reply to your letter of the 6th inst., let me say that you may use my name as approving your publication of *the Annals of St Anne*, which, I trust, will meet with great success. I have never seen a copy of the *Annals*, but my best wishes go with any publication favoring devotion to St Ann.

I remain, Dear Reverend Father,

Yours sincerely,

† DENIS O'CONNOR,

Bishop of London.

HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP OF HAMILTON.

St-Mary's Cathedral

Hamilton, December 1st 1897

Dear Father Girard,

I PRAY that God may bless your endeavor to promote piety by the publication in the English language of *the Annals of St Anne*.

Yours faithfully,

† THOMAS JOSEPH DOWLING,

Bishop of Hamilton.

To our Promoters and Subscribers



IN virtue of an agreement entered into between the Directors of Levis College and the Redemptorist Fathers of St Anne de Beaupré, the latter have assumed, the direction and editing of the *Annals*.

With the hope that the *Annals* would beyond a doubt be more interesting if they were edited on the very scene of events, devotees of St Ann have frequently expressed the opinion and even the desire that such change might be effected.

We are happy to be able to inform them that this is now an accomplished fact. All the archbishops and bishops of the five ecclesiastical provinces of Quebec, Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and St Boniface to whom we have communicated our project, have approved it and have hastened to bless this work of religious propagandism. In another part of this number, we print a considerable portion of that honorable and precious correspondence ; the remainder will be given in a future number.

THEIR POPULARITY.—The inspection of the books has showed us a very consoling fact: that the *Annals* penetrate to every part of this continent and also that they have everywhere many zealous promoters especially among the members of the clergy who, either by themselves or through charitable and faithful persons, daily seek to extend their circulation more and more in their neighborhood. All these devoted servants of St Ann, we are convinced, work solely for the love of God and for the glorification of his holy Name. Personal interest in nowise influences their efforts and they neither expect nor look for any reward here below. Nevertheless, may they permit the Guardians of the venerable Shrine to express here their deep gratitude for such powerful assistance and accept the

assurance that the remembrance of their names and of their works is laid daily at the feet of the great Thaumaturga. May Good St. Ann bless and protect them!

TRANSFORMATION. — As the new management has every reason to count upon the same zeal and the same devotedness on the part of the promoters, it has not hesitated to incur trouble or to make sacrifices to render the *Annals* still more attractive, more interesting and consequently more popular than they have been in the past.

To attain that end, everything has been changed: paper, cover, size, composition and printing; even to the type which has been so selected as to give to the *Annals* that character of antiquity that really belongs to them, for they are the oldest religious publication in Canada. The pages have been enlarged and their number has been increased from twenty four to thirty two.

ILLUSTRATIONS. — We might have stopped at improvements so considerable and consequently so costly, but the *Annals* would not have favorably compared with the publications of all kinds with which the public are flooded and which seek to attract their attention by engravings of all sorts that are sometimes of questionable character and frequently immoral. For things are not now as they were twenty five years ago, when the *Annals* were founded; at that time, one was satisfied with very ordinary printing; while, during the past quarter of a century, printing has made such strides that at present everything — books and newspapers — must be illustrated. And in fact, is it not right that such should be the case?

The learned Abbé Migne, in his *Dictionnaire d'iconographie*, col., 985 says:

« Engravings or pictures facilitate the understanding of or complete the best descriptions which otherwise would be unintelligible. How can you make any one comprehend the plan of a building, the parts of a machine or of an instrument without a drawing? The coarsest pencil will enable one to understand better than the most scientific description.

« History, allegory, the arts, coins, heraldry, costumes, the various branches of industry, diplomacy, ceremonies, the faces of

great men, their tombs, the monuments erected to their memory, all these become animated and assume a palpable physiognomy only with the aid of the pencil or of the graver. Illustrated books are of inappreciable value and our essentially positive and investigating age, is fully alive to it. Never have so many books with pictures or with plates been published. Lithography has come to the aid of engraving that is more durable but too slow for our mobile imagination and our ardor to see and to know that devours time and the means of reproduction. Every country has undertaken the task, the press has worked and conservative libraries show to all who wish to consult them the monuments of past times and their ruins that are about to disappear : everything is drawn, preserved and classified intelligently.»

The better to attain their end, the *Annals* should therefore be illustrated and they will be. They owed this to the number and quality of their readers as well as to the ever-increasing importance of the Shrine whose organ they are. They will be illustrated the better to contend against the unwholesome influence of the profane pictures scattered by bad papers among our Catholic populations; by this means they will place the antidote beside the poison.

THREE FINE COLLECTIONS. — The *Annals* will thus be regularly illustrated, frequently with five or six engravings. At the frontispiece of each issue there will always be a new study of St Ann, constituting at the end of the year a fine collection of twelve engravings from the great masters. Then, there will be : historical portraits, maps, plans, landscapes, monuments, *fac-similes* of signatures, etc, serving to illustrate historical researches respecting the origin, the establishment and the growth of the devotion to St Ann in the United States and in Canada. In the third place, our readers will find the picture of the Patron Saint of a parish, engraved from some celebrated picture with an indication of the origin, an explanation of the meaning, and even, when possible, with a portrait of the author ; two more collections of engravings which alone will be worth the subscription price.

Finally, to say everything, there will be some engravings

destined to perpetuate the memory of some great servant of St Ann, of a celebrated pilgrim or a generous benefactor.

ANNUAL PREMIUM.—Hitherto we have spoken only of what is to give the *Annals* their special character, but the management — always with the views of replacing profane pictures by religious ones in our Catholic families — will make still greater sacrifices. It will give, every year, to all who pay their subscriptions in time, a splendid chromo-lithograph of great artistic merit. This year, it will be the picture of the glorious St Joseph, patron of the Universal Church and of Canada in particular; next year, it will be that of St Ann, our great miracle worker; and so on, in such manner that those pictures alone will in a few years constitute a gallery of great value.

SUBSCRIPTION.—As every one will understand, such great and so numerous improvements can be effected only at great expense, every one knows likewise that for the modest yearly subscription of thirty five cents one cannot obtain a publication worth three times the old one. But the management of the *Annals* is firmly convinced that when once the subscribers are in a position to ascertain for themselves and to appreciate the advantages of the transformation, they will not be deterred by a slight increase in the subscription. With good reason, the increase in the price should be considerable, but neglecting the financial side of the question to consult only the modest means of a large number of our subscribers, we place the annual subscription at *fifty cents*, payable in advance. This, therefore, means an increase of only fifteen cents which is amply repaid by the premium alone.

Although this first number does not contain all the improvements that we wish to effect in the *Annals* in the future and does not yet show their real appearance, owing to the many pages occupied by this article and by the letters of approbation, we nevertheless send it with confidence to all last year's subscribers.

Moreover, before coming to a decision, we beg them to consider that the temporal advantages are not the only ones we offer; there are others that we have not yet mentioned and the value whereof cannot be sufficiently appreciated because

they are of superior order. these are the spiritual advantages as follows :

SPIRITUAL ADVANTAGES. — 1. For the *living*; participation in two masses every week, said on Monday and on Saturday in the very shrine of St Ann.

2. For the *dead*: participation in another mass said on the first Friday of the month in the same shrine, and in a solemn service chanted every year during the octave of the feast of All Souls.

3. For the *living* and the *dead*, participation in the merits of all the prayers, communions, mortifications, labors and occupations of the community of the Redemptorist Fathers of St Anne de Beaupré, the guardians of the venerable shrine.

Such are the ties that will closely unite the new proprietors of the *Annals* to their subscribers. Thus united under the glorious standard of the powerful ancestress of Our Lord, all animated with a same sentiment and a same desire, they will form a strong and powerful army capable of meeting the battalions of error and of vice, which, alas! are but too numerous.

ADVANTAGES TO PROMOTERS. — As to you, dear and devoted promoters, we regret to admit that, apart from the advantages that are common to all subscribers, we cannot reward your devotedness as it deserves and as we would wish to do, still here is what we shall willingly do for you: we shall send you *gratis* a sixth number, with the premium, whenever you send us the amount of five subscriptions, that is, \$2.50; two extra numbers for ten subscriptions, and so on. So that if you remit us \$50.00, representing one hundred subscriptions, you will receive twenty extra numbers which, placed at subscription rates, will bring you in \$10.00, with which you may do as you please.

All those to whom we have explained those conditions have found them very reasonable; some even are already preparing to employ the profit realized in endowing their parish with a fine statue of St Ann.





PROGRAMME

THE *Annals* which have already been twenty five years in existence, for the French edition, and eleven for the English one, were founded for the sole purpose of glorifying God by the devotion to St Ann. Therefore, they have never taken part in the political contests and acrimonious polemics that have marked the past quarter of a century. That is what constitutes their honor and their strength to-day. We shall therefore be very careful not to deviate from that path that is all traced out. The *Annals* will be in the future what they have been in the past : a religious and consequently a national publication.

This programme, however exclusive it may appear, is nevertheless very varied. In fact, St Ann has been a stranger to nothing of importance in this land of America, on the contrary, everything bears the imprint of her power and authority. Her name is inscribed every where on the map. on the lakes, the bays, the rivers, the capes and the mountains. She presides over everything : discoveries, colonization, the foundation of parishes, the defence of the country, warlike expeditions., over two hundred and fifty towns and country places, villages and hamlets, cause their churches and chapels to re-echo with the sound of her power and of her benefits. What an unfailing source of facts and of subjects as interesting as they are varied and edifying for a publication wishing to gather them? Well, we shall apply to that source whenever the events of the day are not sufficiently numerous to complete a number.

As a rule the following will be the contents of each issue :

1. An editorial column that will keep readers informed as to all matters of interest that happen at the Shrine. This will be illustrated whenever circumstances will permit.

2. The *Album of St Ann* which will contain everything that may serve for the future history of our great Thaumaturga : such as authentic documents, frequently unpublished ; quotations

from authors ; historical portraits ; plans, maps, landscapes, *fac-similes* of autographs etc, etc. This part of the *Annals*, we are aware, will be appreciated in various ways : some will be come attached to it, such as studious people, while others, that is to say those who care little for history or antiquities, will sometimes find it fastidious, this will happen when we reprint at length, some unpublished document which might otherwise be lost, but such cases will seldom occur and, after all, the other parts will make up for it.

3. *The Patrons of Parishes.* This article will contain, at times, a short description of a mystery, at others, the legend of the Saint to whom some parish has been dedicated. We shall commence by the parishes called after the mysteries of the life of Our Lord, then those dedicated to the Blessed Virgin and so on in their hierarchical order. The idea of so making the patron saints of our parishes generally known was expressed twenty years ago by His Eminence Cardinal Taschereau, in a letter addressed to the Superior of Levis College, as follows. « I should like to see in each number, a short history of the life of some saint especially of the patron saints of our parishes and of those whom the Canadian families particularly cherish. This would contribute towards putting a stop to a custom, that is becoming too universal of giving to children strange names that have nothing in common with Catholic traditions. The history of the lives of the Saints is like the Gospel in action : in it we find the doctrine and examples of the Saviour realized by the grace that the Holy Ghost pours into the hearts of the elect. All ages, all conditions will find their model therein, it is like a picture that speaks to the eyes of all the children of the Church the language that suits each one » (1).

4. Our *Engravings*, or short explanations of the subjects reproduced in the number, with an indication of their origin and of their author and, when the latter is a painter of renown, with his portrait. Our young artists who have not all had an opportunity of becoming familiar with the great masters in

(1) *Annales de la Bonne Sainte Anne de Beaupré*, vol. V, p. 2

painting will appreciate this attention on our part towards them.

5. *The Bulletin of the Arch-confraternity of St Ann.* This is an innovation in the *Annals*, but it is entirely in favor of the subscribers. This *Bulletin* will be the official organ of all the associations and confraternities established in the United States and Canada and affiliated with the Arch-confraternity of St Ann, whose seat it at St Anne de Beaupré. It will also serve as a connecting link between the various societies by communicating to all the reports of their respective operations such as : elections, receptions, retreats and missions.

6. Each number will also contain *Extracts from our correspondence*, the *Thanksgivings* of those who have been favored by St Ann, the *Recommendations to prayers*, finally *Miscellaneous edifying stories*. To the above will be added some *Pious Souvenirs* of those who have distinguished themselves by their devotion to Good St Ann, with a short sketch of their lives and of their works.

Such is our programme ; such also is the manner in which we intend to carry it out. May the same be agreeable to you, dear promoters and subscribers ! But before sending these papers to you we lay them at the feet of Good Saint Ann praying that tender mother to bless them so that everybody may receive them favorably. O Good Saint Anne, our refuge our strength and our support, pray for us !

And now : « Forward, » say we with His Lordship the Bishop of Nicolet ; « Success awaits us if not as much as we may hope at the outset, at least in a very near future. » (1)

P. GIRARD C. SS. R.

Director of the *Annals*



1) See letter printed on page 8



Current Events

Work on the Basilica. — Every year, when the pilgrims come to St Anne, with the return of warm weather, to pray to their dear mother, they always observe some fresh embellishment. Since some time, especially, the furniture of the Shrine has been singularly enriched. Gradually, the old floor has been replaced by a magnificent marble pavement; new pews have taken the place of the old ones; the splendid pedestal of onyx occupies the site of the wooden one; finely, carved stalls have been erected in the choir for the members of the clergy; first class organs have been put in to enhance the splendor of religious ceremonies. Thus, every year has contributed its special quota to make the Basilica more and more worthy of the majesty of God who dwells there and of the great Saint who is honored in it.

This year, as in previous ones, the pilgrims will find something new to admire. I say «to admire,» for, in the opinion of all connoisseurs, the last article placed in the sanctuary is truly a master-piece.

It is a *Communion Rail* in marble beautifully carved, a work of art quite unique of its kind. To-day, we will not enter into details. This master-piece deserves to be examined and described at leisure. We shall merely state that we have had it photographed by Livernois. In some future number, we shall place all its parts before the eyes of our readers.

This, however, is not the only work executed during the winter season. The two side-altars of the « Sacred Heart » and of « Our Lady of Perpetual Help » have been completely transformed, and for the better. This has been done by M^r Tardivel, of Quebec, who has brightened the decorations of these two altars which were formerly too sombre in color. At present,

everything stands out. The eye can contemplate with ease the magnificent medallions on which are painted various subjects and scenes relating to the devotion to the Sacred Heart and the Most Blessed Virgin.



Religious Ceremonies. — The parishioners St Anne, who are so busy during the summer season and are obliged to content themselves with what is strictly necessary in devotional matters, in order to place themselves at the service of the pilgrims, find ample compensation during winter. Every morning several masses are said in the Sacristy, which is converted into a winter chapel. Every evening, benediction is chanted before the Most Blessed Sacrament which is exposed. On every Sunday and Holiday, the solemn services are celebrated in the Basilica itself.

That is not all. In addition to the Divine Bread that is abundantly distributed to them at all times, the parishioners yearly enjoy the benefit of a Retreat that lasts two weeks: the first being for men, and the second, for the women. And, while holy sermons are preached in the Basilica for the parishioners residing in the village and its vicinity, others are given at the same time, during five days, for those who reside in the Concession called « Les Sept-Crans. » This year, the retreat was preached: in the Basilica, by Reverend Father Fiset, of our Hochelaga Convent, and, in the Concession, by Reverend Father René, of St Anne de Beaupré. Our parishioners always derive great benefit from these retreats. They feel that they need to provide themselves with spiritual strength before beginning the work connected with the pilgrimages.

This year, at the close of the second retreat, with the permission of His Grace Archbishop Bégin, the administrator of the Diocese, a new ceremony was here introduced, which however is habitual in the houses of our Order: that is, the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during the days that immediately precede Lent. The faithful thus have an opportunity of making reparation by their prayers, for the many sins committed during that period of disorder by bad Christians.



Pilgrimages. — It would be a great mistake to imagine that there are no pilgrimages during the winter season. Besides the "Votive Mass," a pilgrimage made every year during the octave of the feast of the Immaculate Conception, by the two parishes of St Joachim and St Anne de Beaupré, there is not a day on which pilgrims do not come.

Moreover, it is during the winter that most of the arrangements are made for organized pilgrimages. Thus, we learn through Mr Russell, the Superintendent of the Q. M. & C. Railway Company, that applications have been made and accepted for every Sunday during summer.



Arch-confraternity of St Anne de Beaupré. - Four new affiliations of parishes have been sent in to be added to the former ones, making a total of 211.

Besides that, on the 31st December last, 85,700 names had been inscribed in the Register deposited in the Sacristy.



A last word.— The winter has been so severe this year that an ice-bridge has formed even beyond St Joachim. This had not happened for over fifty years.



Patrons of Parishes

THE HOLY CROSS (1)

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SINCE Our Lord Jesus Christ has made the Cross the instrument of his triumph over sin and hell and of our redemption, it has become the christian's glory: it is the symbol of his faith, the pledge of his hope, a powerful incentive of his love, and the emblem and school of all virtues.

It has been the object of the devotion and glory of true Christians through all ages. *God forbid*, cried out the learned apostle St Paul, *that I should glory, save in the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ* (Gal. IV, 14.).

Constantine the Great, who had triumphed over his enemies by the miraculous power of the Cross, ordered it to be kept in honor and respect in every part of his dominions. And when Jacques Cartier discovered our own country, it was by the erection of crosses that he took possession of it in the name of God and of his king. He was so faithful to do so that we may follow the path of his explorations: Gaspé, Quebec, Three Rivers, Montreal, where he erected or distributed among the Indians the sacred emblem of our holy Religion, are abiding landmarks of his glorious travels and eloquent proofs of his sagacity and solid piety. In each of these localities, now prosperous, the giant, though simple, wooden crosses of the standard bearer of civilisation and Christianity in this part of the world, have been replaced by more durable ones borne still higher by the lofty

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steeples of stately churches and the imposing cupolas of religious institutions of all kinds. But, as those remarkable monuments of Canadian Faith and Charity do not always cover the precise spot consecrated by Cartier's pious actions, it is highly desirable that the proper steps be taken to repair the omission. This restauration of the primitive symbols of Christianity and civilisation in this country is so self imposing that we cherish the idea that the day is nigh when all the citizens will consider it, not from a religious standpoint, but also as a matter of historical interest. If we erect statues and columns to statesmen, and it is but right, to perpetuate the souvenir of what they have done for their country, why should we not equally honor the Cross which has freed it from the state of barbarism, to deliver it as a rich field wide opened to civilisation and progress? Generations to come will not be less anxious to know the origin of their country, than the names of those who favored its development.

The Holy Cross, soon after the death of our Saviour, was buried with those of the two malefactors between whom he had been crucified, as the Jews were wont to do with all instruments of execution, looking upon them as detestable objects, and which for that reason ought to be removed out of sight. The heathens had, moreover, built a temple to a false deity to conceal the place. The Holy Cross remained thus buried for nearly three hundred years; in fact, so long that no mark or tradition, even among the Christians, was left as to where it lay.

Such was the state of desecration in which St Helena found the places consecrated by the death of Our Saviour. From her childhood, she had cherished in her soul the laudable design of recovering the Holy Cross; she consequently undertook a journey into Palestine in 326, though at that time nearly eighty years of age.

The pious empress, being willing to spare no pains to compass her pious design, consulted the most reliable persons in Jerusalem and its vicinity; ordered the profane buildings to be pulled down, the rubbish to be removed, and excavations to be made: till, at last, the three crosses were discovered, with the nails and the inscription. But, whereas the title was found separate from the Cross, the question now arose which of the

three was the Cross of Christ. A miracle solved the difficulty.

Macarius, the holy bishop of Jerusalem, not doubting but that God would discover which was the Cross they sought, caused



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them to be applied singly to the person of an invalid lady. The two first crosses were applied without any effect, but they had scarcely applied the third Cross when she was cured, and she immediately arose from her bed in the full enjoyment of health and strength. Who can conceive the joy that must have thrilled the heart of the pious empress and other witnesses of this miracle?

The Cross of Christ, which for centuries had lain concealed in dishonor beneath a pagan temple, now came forth from its obscurity to be borne in honor and triumph before the eyes of the nations. And while St Macarius proclaimed the wondrous works of God, while the grateful empress and the principal personages of the empire knelt in devout adoration, a thrill of joyful gratitude ran through the hearts of the multitudes, who with one accord raised their voices in joyful praise and shouts of triumph.

S. Helena built a church on the spot and deposited therein the greatest part of her new treasure, she, likewise, sent a part to the emperor Constantine, and another to Rome.

We should justly glory in the Cross, because it is the outward badge and token of our intimate and sacred relations with our dear Redeemer, and of the glorious character we inwardly bear by being his disciples and chosen people. This signal memorial of God's mercy and of our dignity should be found and kept everywhere with great reverence. it should be in our fields and dwellings, on the wayside and particularly on our own person. « Let us not blush at the Cross of Christ, says S. Cyril. If another conceals it, do you form and bear it openly on your forehead, that the devils, seeing the royal standard, may fly far from you and tremble. Make use of this sign when you eat, drink, sit, lie down, rise up, speak or walk, in a word, in every action. » And S. Ephrem. « Fail not, O Christian, to carry this armor about with thee in every place, all days and nights, every hour, every moment. Do nothing without it. »

Let others boast of garters, ribbons, medals and all the badges of worldly honors, but a true Catholic will think it the highest honor, and the greatest advantage and happiness, to wear the livery, and bear the holy ensign of the King of kings.

PIOUS SOUVENIRS



FATHER FRANÇOIS-XAVIER GRAVEL

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OVER one hundred thousand pilgrims flock yearly to the shrine of St Anne de Beaupré. They make it their duty to visit the basilica, the treasury, the old chapel, the *Scala Santa*, the calvary, the cemetery. But do they ever remember, in their prayers, the dear departed who were formerly directors or promoters of pilgrimages?

Several repose in the vaults under the basilica; others have gone do die in Montreal, others in Belgium, others in the West Indies, or elsewhere. Charity and gratitude will gather them together and place them under our eyes.

The first who claims our attention is Rev. Father François-Xavier Gravel. Born in the very parish of St Anne de Beaupré, his memory will be dear to those who love our great Patroness.

Let us give some details.

On the picturesque hill of the village of St Anne de Beau-pré, a few hundred yards from the Shrine, stands a cheerful and modest looking dwelling where the eye can contemplate the imposing Basilica dedicated to the miracle-worker of Canada. At sight of that majestic temple, the spectator cannot refrain from a feeling of admiration. His gaze rests on the gigantic statue of the Saint, standing between the two church-towers, as if watching over the whole country. With what delight he hears the four bells of the shrine ring out their chimes. What an impression is produced on him when the greatest of all, the *Pilgrim's Bell*, send its solemn notes floating in the air!

On that hill, in that house, on the 2nd June 1851, was born François-Xavier Gravel, a son of one of the oldest families of the place. He was baptized on the same day by Rev. M. P. Gariépy, then pastor of the parish.

The childhood of François was marked with the sign of the Cross. Like all noble souls, he had to drink of the chalice of the Savior's Passion. Up to the age of seven, he was afflicted with a disease that is somewhat common in children and he endured it like a little martyr. When his pious parents found that no medicine could cure him, they made a vow to the Blessed Virgin that, if the child were cured, he would wear blue clothes for two years. The Queen of Heaven came to the assistance of the little patient and, marvelous to relate, the disease disappeared, never to return.

Mary did not stop there in her favors to her protégé. She led him to her own Mother St Ann. She made him love her. O! how he cherished her shrine! As a chorister and an active and interested witness of the pilgrimages, how delighted he was to be in his mother's house! And how she, in her turn, generously rewarded that precocious and ardent devotion! Was it not at the feet of St Ann that the child received the graces of selection that were to influence his whole life? Did he not owe to her, among other things, that docility that he ever displayed towards his virtuous parents and, later on, the courage that he needed to follow his vocation?

In fact, the youth of François, passed in piety and made

fruitful by grace, was a worthy preparation for the execution of the divine will. Although he was beyond the age at which boys usually commence their studies, he resolved to learn the Humanities with a view of preparing for the priesthood. He went to the Laval Normal School, in Quebec, where, every year, by persevering efforts, he obtained his diploma. Thence, he went to the Seminary of Rimouski to study theology and, if God pleased, to devote his talents, his zeal and his strength to that diocese which, at that time, suffered from a great scarcity of priests. At Rimouski, as at Quebec, success crowned François' generous efforts. His family were soon about to experience the greatest joy of Christian parents, that of giving a priest to the Church. But, what filled the measure of their happiness, was the condescendence of His Lordship the Bishop of Rimouski, who purposely came to St Anne de Beaupré to confer the priesthood upon François, in that very church of St Ann, already so dear to his heart.

That happy day was the 22nd of May 1881. The whole parish witnessed the ceremony and received the first blessing of the new minister of the Lord. All still remember with tenderness the touching impressions that they felt during his first Mass, while the choir sang the « Royal Mass » and the affecting chant of the *Tu es sacerdos*, announcing to all that the Church possessed another laborer.

However, grace attracted François to a still more perfect kind of life. He felt himself called to be a Redemptorist, and informed his parents of his desire. The arrival of the Fathers had greatly impressed him. He liked to pass his vacations in their monastery, and, through contact with them, he formed the project of devoting himself entirely to the work of missions. He therefore asked and obtained admission to the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer. What glory and what honor ! François is the first child of the parish and even of Canada who clothed himself in the livery of St Alphonsus. About the end of September, he embarked at Quebec to proceed to the Noviciate at St Trond, in company with two other young Canadians, Pierre Pampalon and Ovide Coté, whom his example had influenced. A month after his arrival, on the 9th of

November he assumed the habit of the order and on the 15th of October in the following year, he pronounced his religious vows.

After that, Reverend Father Gravel, — for thus we will henceforth call him — went to spend some months in the house of studies to make himself familiar with the doctrine of St Alphonsus ; after which he returned to St Anne de Beaupré, where his superiors had ordered him to reside. On the 23rd June 1883, he entered his native parish and, as it was then the pilgrimage season, he had an opportunity of freely exercising his zeal. At the very outset, he was observed to make efforts beyond measure and to multiply himself in the service of the pilgrims.

Alas ! the apostolic career of our hero was destined to be a short one. Successive chills gradually resulted in pulmonary phtthisis which was to carry him off. He had preached but once : it was in favor of the Souls in Purgatory. His sermon had touched the hearts of all who heard him. His only regret, during his illness, was that he could not work at the salvation of souls. « Ah ! » he often repeated, « why have I not health ? There is so much good to be done. » At other times, his impetuous and ardent character led him to say : « I have a passion for preaching ; » but he at once added : « God does not wish me to preach ; I must submit to his Holy Will. »

A true son of St Alphonsus, a lover of the Cross and of sufferings, he endured his painful disease with perfect resignation, placing his confidence in Saint Ann, one of whose relics he constantly kept near him. In spite of his sufferings and, above all, of an obstinate cough, the dear patient followed all the exercises of the Community and remained faithful to them up to the last day of his life. His greatest consolation was to be able to offer up the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the infirmary chapel. *God gave him that consolation throughout the whole of his illness, with the exception of the last days when he had to content himself with receiving communion from the hands of another Father, who came every morning to celebrate mass before him.* When any one paid him a visit, he could not sufficiently express his gratitude and commended himself to the prayers of all.

The sick man had a special devotion for St Joseph. Dear Brother Camille, who was aware of it and who acted as nurse to him, said one day : « Ask St Joseph to cure you. » But he merely replied : « Let St Joseph do what he wishes ; he knows very well what he is doing. » This answer so full of faith and confidence also obtained its reward. It was on the eve of the feast of that glorious Patriarch, that he rendered his noble soul unto God, as if St Joseph, the patron of happy deaths, has wished thereby to show that he had taken him under his special patronage.

Meanwhile the supreme moment drew near, — Father Gravel received the last Sacraments with touching piety.

Before dying, he said to Rev. Father Tielen, the Superior of the Convent. « Reverend Father, I am going to die ; I offer my life as a sacrifice for the parish and especially for the success of the retreat. » He referred to the retreat which was then being preached to the men of the Holy Family of the Parish. That very evening, this generous offer was communicated to those who were making the retreat. All were deeply touched by it and prayed for the dying man whom all loved. Finally a crisis came, which lasted but a short time, and carried away from earth that noble soul of which the world was unworthy. This was on the 18th March 1885, Rev. Father Gravel was in the 33rd year of his age and in the third of his religious profession.

He was the first child of St Anne de Beaupré, the first Canadian in fact who offered himself to God in the Institute of St Alphonsus. He was also, in Canada, the first flower culled in that garden so dear to Jesus Christ. We were, therefore, quite right in calling him as we did, at the beginning, by the glorious title of « Victim. »

His funeral took place on the 21st March, amid a great concourse of people, of priests and of religious. The crowd followed the deceased to a new vault constructed expressly for the Fathers under the basilica.

Rev. Father Gravel lies there quite near St Ann, his beloved Patroness who had so visibly blessed his birth, his life and his death.

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A GRATEFUL MOTHER

Quebec. Three years ago, one of my little girls, then five years of age, was attacked by that terrible disease, typhoid fever. The physicians considered her life in danger, so I resolved to place her under St Ann's protection and at once began a novena in her honor, praying also the Blessed Gerald Majella to interest himself in her fate.

During my novena, the disease grew worse daily to such an extent that, at last, the child was in her death agony. Still confiding in that good mother, I continued my novena and had already reached the ninth day when the physician found that she was suddenly cured. The child was saved. Her health was soon restored and she has remained free from infirmity. What thanks have I not to give that good Mother!

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A PILGRIM PRIEST

ON the 28th December, a priest, born in Quebec but who at present performs the duties of his sacred ministry in the diocese of Providence, R. I., came on a pilgrimage to St Anne de Beaupré.

"I am making a pilgrimage of thanksgiving, he said. I was ill for a long time, suffering from a disease in the back that reduced me to such a state of weakness that I had to go to bed several times a day. My duties suffered by it, in spite of the exceeding kindness of my colleagues who came to my assistance whenever they were not prevented by their own occupations. The physicians' treatment produced no effect; so, I prayed more earnestly to St Ann begging her to obtain for me, if not complete freedom from suffering, at least sufficient relief to enable me to perform the duties of my office. St Ann at once granted my prayer. My cure dates from the month of May, and, since then, I have always fulfilled the duties of the holy ministry without interruption and without difficulty. That is not all, he continued, on a previous occasion St Ann had been merciful to me.

When I was two years old, I was afflicted with hernia which was reduced for a while by the physician, but which, when I was eight years of age, re-appeared with such a serious character that every effort made to reduce it was in vain. I could no longer play, nor carry weights, nor get into a vehicle alone.

« This condition of infirmity and helplessness lasted several years. I was all the more sorry for it that I felt an inclination for the priesthood, and I knew very well that that disease would be an insurmountable obstacle to my vocation. But the kindness and pity of St Ann are inexhaustible. I prayed to her and promised, as long as I remained in Quebec, to make a pilgrimage every year from that city to St Anne de Beaupré, if she granted me the cure that the physicians were unable to effect.

« St Ann expected my application. In fact I was suddenly and completely cured on one of those pilgrimages ; so much so, that the disease has never yet made its re-appearance, notwithstanding the fatigues of my ministry. »

« Glory to St Anne. »

CRUTCHES LEFT IN 1886

AN interesting cure, that has not yet been published, was that of a talented young lawyer, who resided in Quebec in 1886.

While studying at the Seminary, he had a fall which so affected the muscles and sinews of his legs that he was soon compelled to use crutches.

He tried every human means to obtain his cure, but all the physicians' efforts were in vain. Our poor young man saw before his eyes the terrible prospect of having to drag himself about on crutches all his life.

But he had confidence in St Ann. He promised her that, if he were cured, he would make the pilgrimage from Quebec to St Anne with his crutches in his hands ! St Ann cured him. He gave up his crutches one after the other, and then made his interesting pilgrimage.

To this very day, those two crutches can be seen suspended near the entrance of the shrine. He has himself pointed them out to us.

