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Current Events

**S**unday offices at Ste Anne de Beaupré during the winter season. — Our readers, many of whom came on pilgrimages in summer, and who have often witnessed the religious ceremonies in the Basilica, have no doubt already very often asked themselves what is done in it in winter. To satisfy their legitimate curiosity, we will to-day give them an outline of the programme, followed by us until the warm weather returns.

Every Sunday, *three low masses* are successively said at 5.30, at 6 and at 7 o'clock, for the benefit of those who cannot come to the parochial high mass at 9.30, or who have to keep house during that time. And in order that these parishioners may be fed with the bread of God's word, a short instruction is given at the two masses said at 6 and at 7.

Hardly is the last of these low masses said, when about 8 o'clock, we see the parishioners begin to arrive for high mass which is said at 9.30. We must say that they come in great number. Moreover, everything is of a nature to attract them: the Basilica beautifully decorated and well heated; a choir of well-trained choristers; a well-prepared sermon; all this is more than sufficient to make divine service attractive.

High mass generally lasts until 11 o'clock. At noon the meeting of the *Holy Family* which comprises the majority of the parish, is held. For the greater good of the work, the meetings are not all held at the same time, but in succession for each of the four sections: namely, on one Sunday for the married men, on the following Sunday for the young men; then, for the married women and finally for the young girls. By this means, all receive instructions suited to their age and condition.

The meeting of the members of the Holy Family which lasts about half an hour is at once followed by *Vespers*. When these are over, Catechism begins for the children who have made their first communion during the current or previous year. Grown up persons are admitted, and thus, have an excellent opportunity of remembering the truths of Religion. Benediction is chanted only after Catechism. A new Exercise also takes place before it, and it varies according to the Sundays. At this moment on the first and third Sunday of each month, the Exercise of the *Arch-confraternity* of St. Anne takes place. This is the order that is followed in the first place we proclaim from the pulpit the recommendations that have come to us during the previous fortnight, adding 3 *Aves* with the invocation. « St. Anne, pray for us. » The Father then reads the act of consecration in the manual. The whole concludes with a procession in which the Relics of the great *Thaumaturga* are borne, to the singing of the canticle, « Towards her Shrine . . . » For the second Sunday is reserved a special Exercise in honor of *Our Lady of Perpetual Help* and, of *St. Alphonsus*. Finally, on the fourth, another known under the name of *Protestation for a happy death*.

When the Exercise for the respective Sunday is over, the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is chanted after which all go home. Also, on each Sunday of the month of November, the Way of the Cross is said at 4 o'clock for the souls in Purgatory.

This short description will convince everybody, that if during the pilgrimage season the parishioners are somewhat restricted in attending to their spiritual interests, they have ample opportunities of making up for it during winter. We are happy to say that they are fully alive to it.



A pilgrimage on the 24<sup>th</sup> October. — The autumn has not passed without our having one more pilgrimage. The honor is due to a body of 500 pilgrims who came on Monday, the 24<sup>th</sup> October, from

St. Jerome and several other parishes of *Lake St. John*, under the direction of Rev. I. J. Vallée. St. Anne was pleased to reward the piety of her children, who had come from so far to venerate her. A man who had suffered for a long time, from a violent pain in his head was radically cured.



The last pilgrimage. The pilgrimage from Lake St. John was the 131<sup>st</sup> of this year. The 132<sup>nd</sup> and last, will be, as usual, the *Notre* pilgrimage made jointly by our parishioners and those of St. Joachim our neighbors during the octave of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, out of gratitude for the cessation of a contagious disease which raged two centuries ago in the two parishes. St. Anne who then, as now, loved her children and watched over them, heard their prayers and promises and averted the plague.

J. HOVOIS, C. SS. R.



### THE PARVISE OF THE BASILICA

**E**VERY year there is something new at Ste Anne. This is the true reflection made by pilgrims for a quarter of a century. Next spring, they will be agreeably surprised when they see the work done this autumn. The extensive grounds, in front of the Basilica, have been converted into a church garden.

The Fathers, who are the guardians of the shrine which sees more than 30,000 pilgrims every year, make it their duty to preserve the religious character of the work of the pilgrimages, to maintain the good order prescribed by the diocesan laws, to prevent abuses; to remove everything that may cause distractions to the pilgrims and to promote recollection and piety, in a place where one comes to pray and be edified.

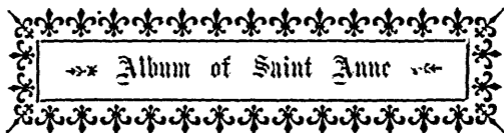
Therefore, it was decided to make in front of the Basilica, not a public park, open to all and at all times, but a church garden such as the Sacred Liturgy requires. Let us hear what Monsignor Barbier de Montault says in his *Traité pratique de la construction des Eglises*.

(Practical treatise on the building of churches) : \* The space before the church is indispensably needed for giving air to the side and perspective to the front. Formerly this place was called *parvise* a contraction of the word *paradise*. In fact, it represented symbolically the terrestrial paradise in which man, through sin, incurred the death penalty hence its situation to the West. \* Two rows of trees will surround it and will provide shade for processions when they go outside the church. In the middle will be a cross, or an obelisk, surmounted by a cross. At the foot of that Tree of life will be a fountain of limpid water which it is a tradition to adorn with a pious inscription.

Our readers will be pleased to have some particulars respecting the work done up to the present or which will be completed next spring. The St. Anne Railway Company, through the kindness of M' Russell its obliging superintendent, has prepared and enlarged the grounds. The old wooden platform has been removed, the pilgrims fountain has been placed elsewhere; the station has been put 150 feet further to the south; finally, 210 + feet have been added to the church grounds. No less than 150 car-loads of stones have been brought to fill the hollows of the beach and to macadamize the roads. All this has been done in a fortnight thanks to the efforts of M' Pelletier, who superintended the shipments, of M' Huart, section foreman, who directed a working party of about thirty men, all of whom were happy to work for St. Anne. On the other hand, a party of laborers and carters tore down the old fences, leveled the grounds, laid out the alleys, planted trees and at present the place represents a vast rectangle of 8000 square yards, of which, 3500, are macadamized, 620, are covered with trees and the remainder is converted into lawns. All this space is surrounded by walls, except on the side of the river which will be ornamented with an iron railing. Thus, the trees will protect the pilgrims from the heat of the sun; the verdure and flowers will please the eyes; the vast avenues will allow processions to move with ease and the surrounding wall, by isolating the garden, will contribute to make it a place of recollection and prayer. Finally, the garden will supply the insufficiency of the Basilica which, vast as it is, we would frequently wish to see twice as large. The xix<sup>th</sup> century approaches its end; the holy year of the xx<sup>th</sup> will soon begin: two circumstances which, in accordance with the desires of the Holy Father, should be turned to the benefit of religion by imposing manifestations to the glory of Jesus-Christ. We know the scenes of these solemnities: they are the most celebrated places of pilgrimage in the world. Ste Anne de

Beaupré will be more than ever the religious gathering place of the people of North America and if the church cannot contain the pilgrims, the garden will serve as a temple wherein from 15 to 20,000 faithful may follow the sacred ceremonies. May St. Anne bless our labors and our plans: the glory of God and the welfare of souls have caused them to be conceived and executed.

R. ALLARD, C. SS. R.



## THE DEVOTION TO SAINT ANNE IN CANADA

### IV. - Ste Anne des Hurons.

**S**Trange to say the Kerk brothers who were already masters of the remainder of New France in 1629, never ventured to attack Fort Ste Anne in Cape Breton, so that the French flag did not cease to float there, even during the three years of the English domination. It was still there when Champlain returned. Consequently, « that man who was a true Christian, zealous in God's service, full of candor and of religion, » (1) wished to render solemn homage to St. Anne for it. On May 5<sup>th</sup> 1633 when he arrived in front of the fort, he stopped his ships and landing, (2) he went to prostrate himself in her modest, but venerable Shrine. There surrounded by his crews and with his habitual piety, he thanked Her who had so firmly held the keys of the country during the dark years of his absence.

The chaplains of the fort at that time were Fathers Richard and Perrault two missionaries who, in imitation of Fathers Vimont and Ragueneau, passed their whole lives in the service of our great Saint. Convinced as they were that they must expect everything from her powerful protection, they

(1) Charlevoix, quoted by Ferland: vol. 1, p. 274.

(2) Ferland: vol. 1, p. 259.



undertook nothing without her. preaching, prayer, catechism, everything was done in her name. By using her blessed name they summoned the savages to faith and civilization, they unceasingly recalled her life and virtues to them; they inculcated love for her as the motive of their faithfulness to duty. On their side, the savages were docile to this teaching, and conceived such an affection for St. Anne, that successive ages have not diminished it. To this very day it is so great that, according to M<sup>r</sup> Painchaud, a former missionary among the Micmacs, in order to obtain from them the sacrifice of a passion or of a bad habit, one has but to say to them. « You grieve the heart of St. Anne, and prove to her that you do not love her. » These words generally suffice to obtain the most striking conversions.

In the minds and language of these artless children of the forest, the words « St. Anne » were synonymous of « Religion » or « Place of prayer. » When they wished to designate an island, a river or some other spot where the « Black Gowns » assembled them together to initiate them in the truths of the faith, they would say for short. « to go to Ste. Anne. » This has become a custom and to this day, after an interval of two centuries and a half, no one ever thinks in the Maritime Provinces of giving any other titular to the chapels of the Indian missions. The diocese of Chatham, for instance, possesses three of these chapels, and all three are called by St. Anne's name. The same may be said of other dioceses.

This burning fire of devotion to St. Anne had already, for twelve years, extended its salutary influence over the whole of the southern portion of New France, when a vaster field, promising a more abundant harvest, was opened to the zeal and devotedness of all the missionaries that the Society of Jesus had at its disposal in Canada. This was the fine and immense region of the great lakes inhabited by the Hurons.

Father Vimont who was so devoted to St. Anne and « who was considered a saint, » (1) had just been appointed Superior

(1) De Rochemonteix : *Les Jésuites de la Nouvelle-France au XVII<sup>e</sup> siècle*, vol. 2., p. 186 — Father Vimont had won that reputation by his admirable conduct in attending the French who were attacked by scurvy, during his residence at Ste Anne du Cap Breton.

General of his Order in Canada. Resolved as he was to win these well disposed tribes to God, he neglected nothing that could give a fresh impulse to the Huron missions that had been so fruitfully begun by Father de Brebeuf. To that end, and thinking that his missionaries would gain in strength if they were united, he recalled all those who were scattered in separate posts, and assigned to them a central residence whence they could easily radiate through the whole country, which was itself divided into five districts or missions and each district, in turn, was subdivided into villages. Then the census was made giving the name of some Saint to all the villages, « with the idea, says Father Jérôme Lalemant, that if ever any churches or chapels should be built in those places, they would be erected in honor of the Saint whose name was given to them. » (1) Now, on this occasion, a whole village, the very one « that was the first to give occupation (2) to the missionaries, » received the name of Ste. Anne.

This eagerness to introduce the devotion to St. Anne among the Hurons is easily explained by the fact that most of the former missionaries of Cape Breton, even Father Richard, were gathered together. The latter, though reluctant to leave a field wherein he had labored for seven years, had eagerly responded to the appeal of his Superior in 1641. (3) Leaving Cape Breton therefore, he hastened to join his colleagues, four hundred leagues away, bringing to them the invaluable aid of his zeal, experience and, above all, of his tender devotion to St. Anne. What wonder therefore that we should see flourishing, at the very sources of the St. Lawrence, a piety that had borne such fine fruit at its entrance? The workmen were the same, and the soil no less fertile. Oh! how quietly and sweetly all things are arranged in the ways of Providence! St. Anne's action is manifest here: already queen and mistress of a portion of New France, she herself guides the course of events to spread her beneficent authority and to cause it to be acknowledged as far as the other extremity of the country.

(1) Relation of New France, 1640, p. 62. — (2) *Ibid.*, p. 70.

(3) De Rochemonteix: vol. I, p. 132.

The Hurons were no less eager than the Micmacs to place all their confidence in their holy and powerful patroness, and in the *upper country*, (as the Canadians of old and the savages called the region of the great lakes,) was repeated what had formerly happened in Cape Breton: St. Anne's name was in every mouth, and love for her in every heart. Father J. Lalemant delights in writing of its happy results in his *Relation of what occurred in the Huron mission*. After stating that the village of Ste. Anne was the first to give occupation to the missionaries, because it was the first afflicted by the contagious disease that then raged in that region, he hastens to add a fact which speaks too highly in honor of St. Anne, not to be cited here. « God was pleased to grant us the « blessing, he says, that not one died without being baptized or « being sufficiently instructed to enjoy that happiness.» (1) Moreover, he exalts and indicates as so many fruits of Christianity, the virtues and exemplary lives of two old women, seventy years of age, named *Anne*. « *Vere talium est regnum Dei*. « Yea, verily, of such is the kingdom of heaven,» he exclaims. (2) Then speaking of the great resignation of one of them amid afflictions of all kinds, he utters these words burning with charity: « A soul so faithful to God, even if « alone, would deserve that a hundred lives be spent in leading it in the path of sanctity obtained for it through the Blood and Passion of Jesus Christ.» (3)

For a very long time, in fact for over two centuries, the Hurons no longer inhabit that territory, now chiefly comprised in the state of Michigan. Decimated by the scourge of disease and pursued to the bitter end by a powerful and implacable enemy, that nation which was nevertheless a valiant one, had to give way and seek an asylum in a more hospitable land, under the protection of the fort of Quebec; but, when departing it they left behind an air so balmy with the perfume of virtues, and a soil so impregnated with the blood of its heroes and martyrs that the effects thereof are still felt after so many years. The Father's field visibly grows green again, it is studded more than

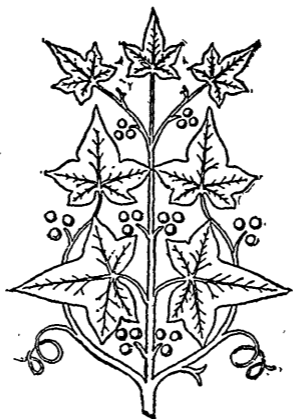
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(1, 2 and 3) Jesuits Relations, 1640 pages 70, 76 and 84.

ever with the flowers of piety and of devotion, and especially of the devotion to St. Anne. Thirty five times is that blessed, name inscribed there in letters that will ever be ineffaceable. (1) More than one hundred post offices distribute there every month our *Annals*, the faithful echo of her privileged Shrine, to thousands of attentive readers. And who could count the number of oratories, chapels and altars erected in her honor? Such is the manner in which Heaven's works are established, progress and perpetuate themselves.

P. GIRARD, C. SS. R.

(1) Hoffinan's Catholic Directory, *passim*.





THE PENTECOST

## Patrons of Parishes

### THE HOLY GHOST

**T**EN days had elapsed since the Ascension of Jesus. The apostles, through fear of the Jews, had retired into the Cenaculum with the Blessed Virgin to await, in prayer, the Holy Ghost whom their Master had promised to send them. Suddenly, say the *Acts* (chap. II) a great noise was heard, like unto a great wind, which shook the house and seemed about to destroy it. At the same time there appeared tongues of fire which sat on the head of Mary and of the Disciples.

This great mystery, which we call Pentecost or the descent of the Holy Ghost, is of the highest interest to every truly Christian heart. If we consider it with reference to Jesus, we see in it the completion of his work on earth for, in fact, it was on this day that the Church was definitely founded.

But let us consider it with reference to ourselves. The burning flame that rested on the head of the Disciples was a symbol of the admirable effects produced in them by the Holy Ghost, and which He will also produce in us if we allow Him to act freely. Flames give light and heat; the Holy Ghost enlightens our minds and strengthens our hearts.

How can he who is not animated by God's spirit be able to judge of what is around him? He judges of it only through his senses or imagination. If the impression produced on him by exterior objects be agreeable, he loves them; if disagreeable, he detests them. These objects frequently deceive him; he becomes their puppet, and before long their slave. If from perceptible objects we pass to the truths of faith, what can we say? These truths appear to him surrounded with such obscurity that he finds it difficult to subject his reason to them. Finally what can be said when he has to decide some point

which interests his salvation? Where does he seek the motives that should inspire his acts? Alas! he is so accustomed to consult only what gives him satisfaction, that it is almost impossible for him to have other views. No, this Christian is really unable to do anything that can be of use to his soul. He must be classed among those whom God himself calls *vain* (Wisdom XIII, 1); among those of whom the Apostle said with horror *that they became vain in their thoughts* (Rom. I, 21), and thus the life of such a Christian is entirely passed in error and in falsehood.

How different is the conduct of him who is animated with God's spirit, which shines brilliantly and shows all things in their true light. The world with all its wonders is to him a great book, wherein the GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE enables him to read the adorable perfections of the Creator. The truths of the faith do not frighten him; on the contrary, their depth rejoices him. What do I say? Far from finding them obscure, the GIFT OF UNDERSTANDING enables him, as it were to divest them of their outer covering, and in sublime contemplation to relish all the most mysterious and hidden things they contain. When he has difficulties to solve, he has not recourse to his self-love. He has in himself a light that serves him to a wonderful degree: it is the GIFT OF COUNSEL. This accompanies him everywhere; it guides all his thoughts, his words and his actions and enables him to avoid the pitfalls of his enemies. Finally to crown all the virtues in him he has the GIFT OF WISDOM, a supreme gift which lifts up, I may say, his whole nature, which deifies him, as it were, and makes him appreciate and relish everything as God himself does: « My God and my all! » is his sole motto.

We have as yet spoken only of the effects produced by the Holy Ghost upon our intelligence. What shall we say of those that He produces in our hearts? Fire not only gives light, it gives heat. So also the Holy Gost not only enlightens our intelligence; but He also animates our will.

Examine closely him in whom that Spirit resides not! He dreads what he should not fear; he dreads not what he should. He dreads the opinion of men, and has no dread for the

judgments of God. When he finds himself in the presence of some unexpected obstacles, of some violent temptation, of some trial more painful than usual, he is a coward ; he draws back. If you speak to him of piety, of love of God and of his neighbor, he understands not your language. For his God he is made of ice : for his neighbor, of brass. Looking at everything from his own point of view, he is essentially selfish and his life is a life of sin.

On the contrary, he whom the Holy Ghost directs, acts very differently. He also fears ; he has even the GIFT OF FEAR, but he fears one thing only and that is to offend God. Like the Apostle St. Peter after Pentecost, he fears not to *obey God rather than men*. In him fear is the beginning of true wisdom ; it leads him by the hand through the obstacles that beset his path. Observe him on those difficult occasions, and what fortitude he displays. He has the GIFT OF FORTITUDE. Armed with this gift, he is enabled to resist every attack, to bear every trial. When God afflicts him, you will see him practise admirable patience, and lovingly receive the burden on his shoulders. If you could penetrate into his heart, what a delightful spectacle would unfold itself to your gaze. He is filled with the GIFT OF PIETY. Like St. Benoit Labre, like all the saints, he is all fire for his God ; for his neighbor he is flesh and blood ; for himself alone he is of brass.

Dear reader, the Gifts of the Holy Ghost were laid in our souls on the day of our Confirmation. Let us preserve them carefully. Let us thereby increase our faithfulness in following their attraction. In all times, in all places, let us allow ourselves to be directed and governed by them with docility. They will lead us without danger, through the trials of life to the abode of eternal rest.

*Veni Creator Spiritus !*

J. HOVOIS, C. SS. R.





PIOUS SOUVENIRS



FATHER VAN DER CAPELLEN

••••• The man of prayer •••••

**H***E who prays is certainly saved ; he who prays not is certainly damned.* These salutary words of St. Alphonsus, the Apostle and Doctor of prayer, were ever present in the mind of Reverend Father Van der Capellen and he endeavoured to engrave them in indelible characters in the hearts of all who heard him. St. Theresa said that she would have liked to place herself upon a mountain, whence she could make herself heard by all mankind, solely to cry out to them: *Pray ... Pray ... Pray ... !* This wish was realized by our dear departed, within the measure of his strength during a long apostolate of over thirty years. A MAN OF PRAYER, he burned with the desire of making all Christians men of prayer, in order to provide them with every assistance needed. Consequently how many sinners owe their conversion to him ! How many souls consecrated to God, are indebted to him for a higher perfection. And did not he him-

self owe his virtues and his reputation of sanctity to prayer? In Canada, as in Belgium, those who had the happiness of knowing him intimately loved to describe him by this expression which is as significant as it is honorable: *The holy Father who always prays.*

This man of prayer was born at Zepperen, (Limbourg Belgium) on the 25<sup>th</sup> December 1823. His parents inspired him at an early age with a taste and love for prayer. Their solicitude was rewarded, for after his humanities, their dear Pierre became a Redemptorist. He pronounced his vows at St. Trond, on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 1846. Ordained a priest some years later, his zeal for the salvation of souls knew no bounds. The generous missionary rested from his labors in intimate prayer at the foot of the Tabernacle. There his attitude was so devout, his countenance so enkindled, that he recalled St. Alphonsus consuming himself with love before the God of our altars.

A priest so closely united to God could not fail to call down blessings from Heaven upon the houses in which he resided. This was especially true with reference to the new foundations of the Redemptorists in Canada. Providence chose him among the first Fathers who came to Ste Anne de Beaupré on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 1879. Five years afterward, he was one of the founders of St. Anne's, Montreal. He rendered great services and did not cease to edify his colleagues and the people by his ardent piety.

The holy Father had a thousand ways of manifesting and satisfying his inborn need of prayer, and to communicate it to the souls of those who heard him. Novenas, Triduums, prayers with indulgences, the prayers of various confraternities, the devotions approved by the Church and by tradition, sanctified all the days of the week and all the months of the year: on Sunday, he paid special homage to all his holy patrons; on Monday, to his Guardian Angel; on Tuesday, to the Infant Jesus; on Wednesday, to St. Joseph; on Thursday, to the Blessed Sacrament; on Friday, to our Lord's Passion; on Saturday, to the Blessed Virgin. Among the months of the year, those that pleased him most were those celebrated in a more popular manner, such as: the month of St. Joseph; the

month of Mary ; those of the Sacred Heart, of the Holy Rosary, of the souls. Nevertheless, after he lived at Ste Anne de Beaupré, the month of July, dedicated to St. Anne, was his favorite month. From the earliest days of the colony this month, as every one knows, is the time when pilgrims and pilgrimages flock to the Shrine, and when the latter is the scene of the most striking miracles. The Basilica then becomes, in the fullest meaning of the term, *a house of prayer*, wherein all nations unite in common supplication. Let us cite the remark made by a Jesuit Father, a missionary in the Zambesi region, (South Africa) : « I have seen many pilgrimages, he says, I have quaffed the sweetness of grace at many sources ; that of Beaupré is pure and salubrious ; it is intoxicating. » Speaking afterward of the wonders he had witnessed, he adds : « There was, among other things, the sudden cure, in the church itself, of a person attacked by general articular rheumatism. I know that this will cause certain strong-minded persons to smile, but no matter. Here, as at Lourdes, there are so many crutches hung on the walls by persons who have been cured, so many miracles both great and small, that if they laughed at every one of them, these strong minded persons would fatigue the risible nerve. » (1)

If Reverend Father Van der Cappelen saw miracles due to prayer multiply around him, he was not the last to feel its effects himself. This great means of salvation was to him the source of the most beautiful virtues and of the most noble sacrifice. In it he found such profound collectedness that he remained as calm in the midst of crowds as in solitude. In it, like St. Alphonsus, he conceived so keen a respect for God's presence, that he generally kept his head bare. Visits to the sick or to other persons did not distract him. He paid them with his rosary in his hand, reciting the *Ave Maria*. He has at times been seen kneeling in the middle of a field or in the recesses of a grove. He afterward drew from his heart words of consolation for the afflicted. He taught them above all to pray in order to obtain patience, resignation and love for the

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(1) *Le Canada* : By Rev. Father Charles Croonenburghs, S. J.

cross. He was familiar with the verses which say that : Sorrow and Prayer are two sisters, one of whom ever delights in wiping away the tears of the other.

He was not content with teaching patience ; he was a complete model of it himself. No annoyance ever disturbed him ; he always remained completely master of himself on such occasions. Never did a word of blame or indiscreet reply escape his lips. His meekness and humility were known to all. He was often compared to a lamb or to a dove. Though he had a pronounced taste for mission work, obedience ever found him willing to devote himself to the less brilliant labors of parochial ministry, and this sometimes for several consecutive months, while his colleagues devotedly labored elsewhere. It was generally he who said the evening prayers at Ste Anne de Beauré, which consisted in reciting the rosary, followed by a short sermon, lasting from seven to ten minutes, and by the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. For three years running he preached alone during the whole month of St. Joseph.

In seeing him practise so many virtues, the people felt the greatest veneration for him. His sanctity led all to recommend themselves to his prayers, or to ask his blessing. Several trustworthy persons have asserted that they have never had recourse to the holy Father in vain ; some attribute to him the spiritual favors they have obtained ; others temporal favors, especially cures that the physicians had declared very difficult.

This life of prayer had to have its echo. He who ever prayed, died praying on the anniversary of the death of St. Alphonsus, the 1<sup>st</sup> August 1893, in the seventieth year of his age, and the forty eighth year of his religious life. The people, begged the favor of having some of his relics and his portrait. His mortal remains, consigned to the grave with pomp by the late Archbishop Fabre of Montreal, repose in St. Anne's church, Montreal, under the altar of the Sacred Heart.

O venerated father, pattern of prayer, you are no doubt in glory ! Pray for us ! Obtain for us from Jesus and Mary, that we may always pray, especially amid temptations and afflic-

tions Obtain for us that grace of graces, that *golden key* by means whereof the *treasures* of Heaven and *Heaven itself* are unlocked.

P. WITTEBOLLE, C. SS. R.

Father Roalino, S. J.

He was born at Capri, in Italy, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1530, was educated by his mother, then at the town school and later at the University of Modena. He completed his studies at Bologna and took a degree in law at the advice of Donna Clara, the famous poet and philosopher of Bologna. He filled several posts of honor in Milan and several southern towns of Italy. *Observing the modesty of two young Jesuit students* one day he inquired deeply into the nature of their order, and being so impress'd with their devotion he joined the Jesuit Novitiate in Naples in 1564. He desired to become a lay brother, but recognizing his talents, his superiors induced him to continue his studies and he was ordained a priest in 1568. In 1574 he founded a professed house of the order at Lecce, between Brinsidi and Otrando. Apostolic duties became his life work, which he ended in 1616. His charity towards children caused the degree of his beatification to compare him with the famous St. Philip Neri.

(*Catholic News.*)

Who Is My Neighbor ?

Who is my neighbor ? It is he  
 Who asks my help in time of need ;  
 When in distress or misery  
 His cry for succor I must heed.  
 My neighbor is the poor and blind,  
 The prisoner, the halt and lame ;  
 Let him but call and he must find  
 Me at his service in Christ's name.  
 And if he suffers pain and loss,  
 In all his trouble, I must take  
 A share, and bear it as a cross  
 Upon my shoulders for Christ's sake.  
 A neighbor's duty is to give  
 In charity all we can spare ;  
 Make earth a heaven while we live—  
 With God all kindness is a prayer !  
 —Henry Coyle.

## OUR ENGRAVINGS



PARMEGIANINO

**S**aint Catherine's Mystical Betrothal. — Francisco Mazzuoli, commonly called *Parmegianino*, was born at Parma and at an early age displayed his great talent for music and for painting. At fourteen, he painted his beautiful picture of the *Baptism of Jesus Christ* and at nineteen, his compositions were already those of a great master. He painted many works at Rome, at Bologna, and at Parma his native city, ever applying himself to imitate Raphaël's qualities in his compositions. One of the finest productions of his genius is beyond contradiction the picture whose representation adorns this number. The original is preserved at Rome. In this picture, the heavenly Spouse of virgins and of pious souls, represented in the form of a child on his divine Mother's knees, offers St. Catherine a ring as the pledge of his intimate union with her. She, well aware that this close alliance of a soul with a crucified God, consists chiefly in the perfect acceptance

of the crosses and tribulations of this life, resolutely holds out her right hand to receive the emblem thereof, while her left hand rests on a broken wheel armed with sharp points, the symbol of her martyrdom and of her victory. This painter has wished to make St. Joachim and St. Anne witnesses of the sublime alliance. They may both be observed through the embrasure of a window, conversing together and indicating by their gestures and their looks the solemn act that takes place in their presence. The energetic figure of St. Paul appears in it as the emblem of the science and firmness with which Catherine, *quasi apis argumentosa*, sustained the truths of the faith in the presence of her persecutors and of death.

Parmegianino, after making himself illustrious in painting, fell into the folly of alchemy. But far from finding the gold that he sought, he ruined himself. Soon his health was impaired; anxiety and melancholy took possession of his mind and finally fever carried him in a few days to the grave (1540). Contemporaries represent him to us eagerly watching his crucibles, sordidly clad, with a full beard that was already grey at the age of thirty seven, and wearing himself out in seeking the formula of the philosopher's stone. What a sad ending!

P. GIRARD, C. SS. R.



### THE SHRINE OF SAINT ANNE.

TO the shrine of Saint Anne, at Basilica's door,  
Near the ancient Quebec, on the Canada shore,  
Far down the St-Lawrence, where tides ebb and flow,  
A pilgrim had journeyed where pilgrims all go.

And far in the distance is seen through the night,  
Like stars, shining lights on the historic height,  
From the towering shrine whose bells sound so grand  
On the whispering water that kisses the strand.

All the highways of travel connecting in line,  
Have daily excursions, and bring to the shrine,  
In fervent devotion, the pilgrim throng,  
Approach the high altar with music and song.

And the soul of the pilgrim's petition on high,  
Was answered by visions that filled him with joy  
And the prayers of the faithful, ascending above,  
Whose hearts like the waters are mingled in love.

Sacred the soil where for centuries stood  
The old church of Saint Anne, that has done so much good.  
Where many a cripple, afflicted and sore,  
Brought in on a bed, has walked out at the door.  
And the heart of the shepherd, who, feeding his flock,  
Received his commands with the keys on the rock,  
O'erflowing emotion we silence to speak,  
With the tears of affection that rolled down his cheek.

From the dawn of the day  
They are wending their way  
To kneel at the cardinal's mass,  
And receive the Divine,  
Through the bread and the wine  
The life of the heavenly class.

Many relics they char :  
O'er the hill, from the base  
To the summit of Montmorency,  
Where the bells of Saint Anne  
Sound so sweetly along  
The St-Lawrence that flows to the sea.

The towering sound  
Of the bells that rebound  
From the hill with its picturesque scenes,  
Envelop in echo  
The distant St-Washaw,  
And sweep o'er the Isle d'Orleans.

While o'er the vale  
A harmony gale  
Of melody, sounding reply  
To the touch of the hand  
That holds in command  
Those musical bells of joy.

The ages shall roll,  
The chimes will toll  
The people may come without wealth,  
And the nations will seek,  
For the sick and the weak,  
This fountain of mercy and health.

All over the land  
A suffering band  
Of the sons and daughters of man  
Will bless the bright day  
Their faith led the way  
To kneel at the shrine of Saint Anne.

(Walter Bourke, Esq.)





## Signal Favours

### A CURE DUE TO ST. ANNE

**B**iddeford, Me., August. 4-- A miracle has occurred in this town, so the townfolks are prepared to swear, and every one is talking about it. The most interesting person in the town to-day is Miss Amanda Rémillard. It was upon her the miracle was performed.

For two years she had been walking on crutches as a result of an accident to her knee. Four days ago, in the twinkling of an eye, her infirmity was cured, she threw away her crutches, and to-day she is at her home as well as she ever was in her life. Her cure has amazed her friends and dumfounded the doctors.



It was due wholly she says, to prayer and faith and the grace of St. Anne, the patron saint of Ste. Anne de Beau-pré, to whom Miss Rémillard made a solemn vow two weeks ago.

By the terms of this vow she will have to make a journey to the shrine of that saint in the far Canadian town and make her offering before it. She is preparing now to do so later on.

Miss Rémillard is only 26 years old. She is the daughter of Anthony Rémil-

lard, of No. 4 King street. Two years ago she slipped on a step and sprained her left knee. Inflammation set in and local physicians took the case in hand. They were unable to effect a cure.

Then Miss Rémillard went to the Maine General Hospital. She stayed there for two weeks, but the doctors could do nothing for her, and she left the hospital on crutches. She had been on crutches from then up to her strange cure.

«I was cured by prayer,» Miss Rémillard says. «I shall continue to pray to St. Anne, and I believe the cure will be permanent.

«I had tried all cures that were recommended to me, and the doctors had been treating me for a couple of years, but I continued to

suffer much pain and could not take a single step without crutches.

« I had become discouraged until I was told of the cures of St. Anne.

« Since I made my vow, nine days ago, I had prayed faithfully morning and night that I might be cured. My friends and the priests at St. Joseph's had also prayed that I might recover. Masses for me had been held at the church, and my father and mother had prayed continuously for my cure.

« Tuesday morning was the feast of St. Anne in the Catholic church, and I resolved to attend mass. I had not attended church before for several weeks. All the way to St. Joseph's I was repeating the prayer of St. Anne. At the conclusion of the mass I rose to my feet, and, forgetting my crutches, walked into the sacristy. Father Canuel was there, and when he saw me walking without the aid of crutches he looked surprised. For the first time I realized what I had done, and was about to return for them, when he took me by the arm and said: « By the providence of God and through the good services of St. Anne you are cured of your lameness. »

« It was the happiest moment of my life when I walked from the sanctuary, where Father Canuel announced to the hundreds of people who were in the church to pray for me that I had been cured of my ailment that made me a cripple for two years. Many of my friends burst into tears, and as I left the church without assistance people who had seen me enter on crutches looked in blank amazement. The pain has left me, and I feel as well as I ever did in my life. »

M<sup>r</sup> Rémillard, the girl's father, says he had often been told by the doctors that his daughter would be a cripple for life. He firmly believes that the cure is wholly due to the good services of St. Anne, and that it is the direct result of her vow and the prayers of his daughter and her many friends that have been offered in her behalf. He remarked that only last week his daughter attempted to walk without crutches, and was unable to bear the weight of her left foot on the floor. It was impossible for her even to move without them.

*(The St. Louis Star.)*

Miss Rémillard, in company with many friends, has made her pilgrimage to Ste Anne de Beaupré in September.



## NOT EVEN INJURED BY FIRE

**T**ignish, P. E. I., June 24<sup>th</sup> 1898. — M<sup>r</sup> Peter Ready thanks St. Anne for a great favor received through her intercession. During the fire which consumed nearly all the houses in our village, thanks to God and the great St. Anne, mine was not even injured.

M<sup>r</sup> Peter Ready.

## A CONVERSION

**I**wish with the deepest gratitude to thank St. Anne for the conversion of my aged father, who had neglected and lost all faith for forty-one years. After many prayers and novenas besides sending his name to the Church in Beaupré, his conversion was obtained.

I also had recourse to St. Anthony of Padua, St. Joseph, and St. Francis.

M<sup>r</sup> J. B. P.

## CURED OF A PAIN IN THE SIDE

**A** year ago I promised, if I should be cured of a pain I had in my side, I would have it published in the « *Annals*. »

To-day I write and say I did not even have a touch of it, and hope every reader would join in thanking St. Anne.

May that merciful Mother be praised for ever and ever !

M. A. F.

## A SUCCESS

**G**rand Marais, Mich., June 27<sup>th</sup> 1898. — In the month of June, we had a fair for the benefit of the Church. I was engaged in a contest for a gold watch. I was backwards about begging (I had not the courage to ask any body for money, as I had never done that kind of work before). The prospects were far from being bright, so I resolved to ask St. Anne to help me and also prayed that our fair might be a success. I at once began a novena in her honor, the fair came off in due time and it proved to be far beyond our greatest expectations. I collected \$57.63 and won the watch. We cleared altogether \$340.00.

Thanks to our good Mother !

A Subscriber.



## A LETTER FROM THE AMERICAN ARMY

CAMP GEO. H. THOMAS

Lytle, Ga., Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> 1898.

I wish to thank St. Anne for many favors I have received through her powerful intercession. One favor was that I would pass the two examinations required to get into the army of the United States, what I did very successfully. I know St. Anne helped me in them, and I am sure she is still assisting me while I am here, as, when I look around me and see so many sick, I have not been sick a day. Thanks to good and blessed St. Anne for these and many other blessings I have received. I wish to have them published in the *Annals*; enclosed please find an express order for \$3.00.

T. J. F.



## THANKSGIVINGS

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 2. — « My daughter and my sister were both suddenly and seriously taken ill. My sister, in particular, had every symptom of the typhoid fever which was then raging in our city. I begged of St. Anne to cure her and, three days after, she was better. I also take this opportunity to thank St. Anne for obtaining a steady employment for my husband.»

A Member of St. Anne's Society.

Atlantic Mine, Mich., Oct. 4. — « Two favors obtained after two novenas to St. Anne. » N. C.

Bombay, N. Y., Oct. 5. — « For a favor granted. » A Subscriber.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 26. — « About six months ago, a very large tack penetrated my foot and remained there several days rusting and causing a great swelling I applied St. Anne's oil and was instantly cured. » Joseph Volpel.

Catasauqua, Pa., Sept. 28. — « Many favors received. » Mrs J. P. Blum.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., Oct. 3. — « My child's recuperation to health and another favor. » A Subscriber.

— Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> — « For the conversion of a father who has been for twenty years without performing his religious duties, and many special favors. » M. L. G.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 10. — « Relief received. » Mrs H. J. Brown.

— Sept. 12. — « A special favor received. » G. A. C.

— Sept. 23. — « On the eighth of september last, I sprained my knee, but soon got better after the promise of publication and of an offering. » \$1.00. Geo A. Canuel.

— Sept. 26. — « Favors obtained. » Miss M. P.

— Sept. 30. — Some time ago, one of my daughters was sick and I promised, if she would get well enough to work, to publish the fact in the *Annals*. She was soon over, but, as I completely forgot my promise, she took sick again. I hasten to fulfil it now. » A Subscriber.

Essexville, Mich., Aug. 13. — "For a favor obtained after praying to St. Anne and making the promise to subscribe to the *Annals*." Mrs E. Tardiff.

Fond du Lac, Wis., Sept. 27. — "Favors obtained." A Subscriber

Guelph, Ont., Oct. 16. — "Three requests granted after a novena and the promise to take the *Annals*." Maggie Sullivan.

Grand Forks, N. Dak., Oct. 23. — "I was going to loose my property, but, thanks to St. Anne, I saved it. She has also granted me several other favors." Off. : 50 cts. Mrs A. M. D.

— Oct. 24. — "I have been sick nearly two years, but I am now quite well and able to do my work, thanks to good mother St. Anne whom I have invoked in my distress." Emma Dumont.

Highbridge, Wis., Sept. 14. — "I was very sick at the Hospital for ten weeks and had mostly lost all hopes of recovery. I then prayed to St. Anne and promised to have my cure published, if granted. I can safely say that that good Protectress has saved me and I am now able to resunic my work." Mrs J. Young.

Kingsley, Oregon, Oct. 10. — "Our dear mother was so sick that we had almost given her up. But we kept praying, my sister and I, and St. Anne heard us : mother is now out of danger. Thanks for this and many other favors." Libbie Bouley.

Manchester, N. H., Sept. 28. — "While in the South with the army, I was taken sick and thinking that my regiment would leave for home before I was well enough to join it, I promised St. Anne that if I be taken with the regiment I would publish it in the *Annals*. Would you kindly grant me this favor and oblige me." Priv. Nap. Voyer.

Merrill, Wis., Oct. 17. — "My ten-year old daughter complained with an awful soreness in her breast ; I thought it must have been a cancer. We then made a novena in honor of St. Anne, besides some prayers that we said together every day for a month, and now my little daughter feels no more pains. Blessed be St. Anne." Mrs P. Buchard.

Montreal, Q., Sept 30. — "Thanks to St. Anne for three great favors received by her intercession." A. Client of St. Anne.

Menominee, Mich., Sept. 14. — "Thanks to St. Anne for favors received through her powerful intercession." M. Labelle.

— Oct. 11. — "My husband is cured and has even stopped smoking which was the first cause of his ailment." Mrs N. Carto.

North Dakota. — "Thousands of thanks to St. Anne for favors obtained." A. Corriveau.

Notre Dame, Ind., Oct. 9 — "For a favor I have received this day after many prayers." A Subscriber.

Osseo, Minn., Aug. 28. — "I wish to thank St. Anne for being cured of a sickness of thirty years standing after promising to have the fact published and be a subscriber to the *Annals* for five years." Mrs N. N.

Oxford, Nebr., Sept. 12. — "While very sick I prayed to St. Anne and promised to subscribe to the *Annals* if she would help me. She did and granted me several other graces beside." Mrs F. Caffrey.

Petersham, Mass., Oct. 11. — "Thanks for my cure and for a great help to my mother." Off. : 50 cts. Miss A. B.

Pittsfield, Mass., Oct. 4. — « For improvement in my son's conduct. »  
 4m.: 50 cts. A Subscriber.

Plainville, Conn. — « For a great favor. » L. C. F.

Fort Credit, Ont., Oct. 7. — « Enclosed please find \$1.00 as a token of gratitude for a cure obtained at St. Anne's shrine this year. I was also down a year ago and St. Anne favored me by granting a bandage three yards and a half long to fall off my limb: I then got up and walked, a thing I had not done for three years. I had been suffering from hip disease for thirteen years as a result of an accident met while going to school. » Off.: \$1.00. A. B. Enight.

Port Huron, Mich., Sept. 15. — « A woman who had been unmindful of her duties sent for me, and, as I had a medal of St. Anne, I gave it to her and made a novena for her spiritual welfare. The grace was granted and the poor woman has returned to her church and duties. I also wish to thank St. Anne for many other favors. » Mrs. A. L.

Quebec, Q., July 28. — « Our baby being very ill, we promised, my husband and I, to take him down to St. Anne's if he got well and be cured of all the weakness he had. We did so and we promise again to bring him again to obtain the cure of an obstruction in his nose which, the Doctors say, will have to be operated. Since our promise, his breathing is much easier. We also want to thank St. Anne for many other favors and blessings. » A Father and a Mother.

Rice Lake, Wis., Oct. 10. — « For the recovery of my daughter's health. »  
 C. Forrest.

Schuylerville, N. Y., Oct. 26. — « Cured from hemorrhages. »

Mrs J. Gamache.

Spencer, Mass., Sept. 3. — « For a favor obtained. » A Subscriber.

St. Félix, Man., Sep. 15. — « Some time ago, I promised St. Anne to have masses said in her honor and to subscribe to the *Annals* if she would cure me of a strange and persistive sore which was afflicting me. St. Anne heard me and I now fulfil my promise. » M. P. B.

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 14. — « I have been praying to St. Anne for a long time and at last she has partly answered my prayer. » M. L. H.

Sterling, Ont., July 20. — « Thanks to St. Anne for having recovered strength in my right arm and hand, and also for the improvement of my hearing. »

Mrs P. Tobin.

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 10. — « I am very much improved in health since my pilgrimage last summer: I have even left my street glasses. » B. Grimes.

Ware, Mass. — « For graces obtained through St. Anne's intercession. »  
 A Subscriber.

Woodstock, N. B., Sept. 30. — « I wish to publish in the *Annals* my deep gratitude and thanksgiving to my Mother St. Anne for a great relief obtained for me from a catarrh of the head and throat which has troubled me severely for upwards of twenty years; also for relief from disease of the stomach, and for spiritual favors. All who apply to St. Anne with faith, confidence and perseverance will be heard. »

D. B. Gallagher.

We have still in hand many other letters from people who have been favored with St. Anne's protection and who wish to express their gratitude.

GLORY BE TO ST. ANNE !



## Bulletin of the Archconfraternity

I. Affiliations. — On the 16<sup>th</sup> September, the parish of St. John the Baptist, at Verner, in the diocese of Peterborough, Ontario, through the instrumentality of Rev. Charles Langlois.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of the same month, the parish of St. Anne, at Fiskdale in the diocese of Springfield, through Rev. A. M. Clement.

These two new affiliations make up the total number of 10 from the beginning of the year. This is already more than we had obtained in the two previous years 1896 and 1897 together. There are also four or five other parishes which solicit the same favor since several weeks.

II. Object of the Archconfraternity. — We are exceedingly happy to note the constant progress of the confraternity of St. Anne. We desire, at the same time, to make it produce everywhere the fruits of salvation for which this pious association was founded. We therefore now call the attention of our readers, most of whom are associates, to the following article. They will see by it that in order to benefit by the immense advantages offered them by this beautiful work, it does not suffice to inscribe one's name on the registers. It is also advisable that each should faithfully, as far as possible, observe all the practises in use in the Archconfraternity. We especially recommend the practice consisting in reciting every day some *Aves* with the invocation: *O St. Anne pray for us*, with the intention, by means of this act of devotion, of placing all our temporal and spiritual affairs in the hands of our heavenly Benefactress. This is a practise which cannot fail to draw down the most abundant blessings upon us.

## Object of the Archconfraternity.

TO glorify St. Anne by making devotion to her more useful and more practical ; to enable a greater number of souls to benefit by the marvellous graces that God is pleased to shower upon the devout servants of that powerful Patroness ; to offer parishes and Christian families a more efficacious means of obtaining her benevolent protection ; to procure for the faithful and especially for poor sinners, the sick, the infirm, the dying the precious advantage of participating in the merits of an immense union of prayers to St. Anne and of numerous masses in her honor. Such is the object of this confraternity.

To that end the associates shall faithfully observe the following practices :

1. They will invoke St. Anne in all their spiritual necessities, especially in temptation and will frequently and fervently ask for the grace of never committing a mortal sin.

2. They will also pray to her in all their afflictions or temporal necessities, with the confidence that St. Anne will obtain relief for them in their trials, deliverance from their evils, or strength to bear them in a Christianlike manner.

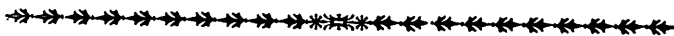
3. They will endeavor to imitate her virtues in the fulfilment of the obligations of a Christian life and of the duties of family life. They will have a special horror of blasphemy, intemperance, impurity. They will courageously avoid occasions of sin, dangerous company, the reading of bad books, immoral amusements, unlawful associations. The associates who are heads of families, will prevent all these things in their houses.

4. They will bear in mind St. Anne's love for Mary, her Immaculate Daughter and will take pleasure in honoring the Mother and the Daughter by frequently reciting the *Ave Maria* especially when tempted.

5. Finally the associates must distinguish themselves by a great zeal in propagating devotion to St. Anne, which will be a very efficacious means of obtaining her blessings and choice favors.



## RECOMMENDATIONS TO PRAYERS



## General Intentions

THE triumph of the Holy Catholic Church and of his Holiness Leo XIII.

The Catholic Hierarchy of Canada and the United States.

The canonization of the Venerable François de Laval, Marie de l'Incarnation, Marguerite Bourgeois, Mother d'Youville, John Nepomucene Neumann, and others who have died in odor of sanctity in North America.

## DECEASED

His Lordship, Wm. Gross, Archbishop of OREGON, deceased November the 15<sup>th</sup>

ASSININS, MICH : Mrs McGovern.

BRANTFORD, ONT : Mrs M. Maginn, R. McDowell and John Johnson.

HALIFAX, N. S : John Conroy.

HOLYOKE, MASS : Willie Ryan.



MONTREAL, Q: Mrs Clark.

OMAHA, NEBR: Mrs Ryan's mother.

PHILADELPHIA, PA: Anastasia Ennis and Joseph Ennis.

SHARON HILL, PA: John McErlane.

TURTLE LAKE, WIS: Marguerite Brault.

### Particular Intentions

ATLANTIC MINE, MICH: « If St Anne grants me the favor I am praying for, I promise to say a rosary every day in my life and to send \$5.00 every year to her shrine. »

ERIE, MICH: « The recovery of a sick young lady. »

N. C.

HARTFORD, CONN: « My husband. »

E. W.

IRON RIVER, MICH: « For relief in my pains and the use of my limbs. »

J. B. G.

Mrs M. T. Sullivan.

KINGSTON, ONT: « My daughter who has been suffering for over a year with a very bad sore throat; some of the Doctors claim it is consumption of the throat. »

Mrs E. Shaw.

LAWRENCE, MASS: « That a young lady may be cured of deafness. »

Maggie Carr.

LEXINGTON, KY: « Mine own intention. »

Katie M.

MERRILL, WIS: « For my poor sick son Louis who has been sick so long. »

Mrs P. Bushard.

MONTREAL, Q. « Three graces of which I have a great need. »

A Client of St Anne.

NEW HAMBURG, ONT: « If the use of my limbs is restored, I will have three high masses sang in thanksgiving and have a full account of my case published for God's glory and the honor of St Anne. »

Johanna Weiss.

NEW HAVEN, CONN: « My mother who has had a sore eye for a while back. »

Mrs G. W.

OTTAWA, ONT: « A prayer for me, for my mother and all my family. »

H. Gibson.

SAN JOSE, CAL: « Unity, peace and harmony in our family. »

N. A. S.

SARNIA, ONT: « To get employment for me and my sister and the means to pay a debt. »

J. M. McG.

TYLER, N. DAK: « For the safe return of my son now serving his country as a soldier in the Philippine Islands. »

Mrs Julia Connolly

WATERTOWN, N. Y: « For the safe recovery of a friend after a dreadful operation. »

R. M.

