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Approbations

APPROBATION OF HIS GRACE MGR. L. N. BEGIN,
ARCHBISHOP OF QUEBEC.

Archbishopric of Quebec,

October 9th. 1907.

REVEREND FATHER,

I can but highly praise your zeal in publishing these pages to recall the many benefits of our great Thaumaturgus of Canada.

This collection of celestial favors that you offer the faithful will, I doubt not, increase their confidence, already great in St. Anne; in reviving their fervor, it will excite a desire to draw from the inexhaustible source of her maternal bounty.

It is true that this volume contains but the recital of favors already registered in the Annals of the Sanctuary of Beaupré, but it is not less certain that many of these favors have been entirely forgotten or are ignored by the greater number of the faithful. Their publication in book form will engrave them in a lasting manner in the minds of all.

You relate miraculous cures that defy criticism. Other favors whose miraculous character is less clearly defined, manifest however divine intervention. The precautions you have taken to offer only facts absolutely authentic, can but guarantee the merit of your work.

I heartily approve this publication, since it

will extend the knowledge and love of her whom we fondly name "Good St. Anne".

Wishing you a rapid and extensive circulation of this work all to the glory of the Patroness of our country, I bless you with all my heart and re-

Yours truly in Christ,

† L. N. ARCH. DE QUEBEC.

APPROBATION OF THE ORDER.

By virtue of the powers granted me by the most Rev. Mathias Raus, Superior General of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, and on the favorable report made to me by two theologians of our Congregation, charged with examining the work entitled "The Miracles of Beaupré", by a Redemptorist, I hereby sanction its publication.

CAM. VAN DE STERNE, C. SS. R.

Sup. Provincial

Brussels, October 6th, 1907.

DECLARATION

Being desirous of complying absolutely and entirely with the decree of Urbain VIII, we declare that we attach only a purely human belief to the extraordinary and supernatural facts related in this book. Also, in using terms of eulogy or of veneration concerning pious persons, we do not intend, in any manner, to anticipate the judgment of the Holy Church, to which we submit in mind and heart.

PREFACE

R.C.

In the Church of Canada, devotion to St. Anne has always been a source of grace and signal favors. The Annals of our country are a lasting proof of it. Scarcely had the Gospel shed its first rays of light upon New France when miracles wrought through the intercession of St. Anne, made of a humble Chapel, on the coast of Beaupré, a place of pilgrimage dear to the early inhabitants of the country.

Mgr. de Laval, first bishop of Quebec, himself a humble pilgrim at the shrine of St. Anne, attests to the devotion of his flock towards the Saint. "We confess" he writes in 1667 "that nothing has helped us so effectively to bear the grave responsibility of our charge, in this new diocese, than the special devotion of the faithful towards St. Anne, devotion that distinguishes them from all other nations."

About the same time, the Venerable Mary of the Incarnation wrote: "Seven leagues below Quebec, at Petit Cap, is a church dedicated to St. Anne in which our Blessed Lord works wonders in favor of the mother of His Mother. Here the paralytic is restored to vigor, the blind see, the lame walk, infirmities of every sort are made disappear."

Two centuries and a half have gone since these facts were written, but to-day as then Beaupré is the Mecca of all human misery and the chosen spot of most extraordinary divine intervention. The faithful crowd to this favored shrine with fervid eagerness to ever find the Holy Mother of heaven's

Immaculate Queen, their powerful and kind wonderworker.

Innumerable pilgrims have knelt and prayed in this blessed sanctuary. What tales of woe have been poured forth at the feet of this consoler! how many weary souls have sought light and rest! how many broken hearts have sobbed out their anguish! how many spiritual miracles have been recorded!

But alas! nothing escapes the action of time. Most of the wonders wrought at St. Anne's shrine of Beaupré, in the past centuries, are to-day unknown or forgotten. For thirty years the Annals of St. Anne de Beaupré have faithful record kept of these marvels. But who have treasured these leaflets of thirty years?

In the hope of offering the devout clients of St. Anne a stimulus to their piety, we have compiled the remarkable cures obtained at her shrine. The collection of facts taken almost exclusively from the Annals of St. Anne, are from the editor's pen; others have come to us often from an eye-witness of the miracle or from one who had been well-informed of the fact, or again from the privileged object of St. Anne's special favor. These accounts lack neither ease nor elegance of expression; others, devoid of all literary form, are beautiful in their simplicity and candor. Apart from essential grammatical corrections, we have closely followed the phraseology of the reciter.

It is evident that we do not aim at a work of erudition or controversy; our end is not to prove the possibility of miracles, nor to demonstrate the miraculous character of the cures wrought in the sanctuary of Beaupré. To what purpose? Thanks be to God, "ces esprits forts", who reject the supernatural in every form and refuse to believe any marvel that surpasses their limited intelligence, are rare among our Christian population. But that

we do meet more frequently is the incredulous Thomas whose vacillating faith hesitates to accept miracles, readily assigning them to effects of natural causes.

Protestant physicians themselves have been forced to admit that cures beyond human skill have been wrought here. After a visit to the shrine, one of them writes : "I believe that the miracles attributed to St. Anne are authentic, and if in the past wonders have been wrought, they are renewed frequently before our eyes in her sanctuary." (1)

But it does not follow from this that all miracles attributed to St. Anne are authentic. Error and illusion are possible here as they are in all other things ; however, we have chosen cures certified to by physicians or bearing the attestation of the priest as most worthy of consideration.

"That marvelous cures have really been wrought at the sanctuary of Beaupré is a fact that nobody can reasonably call into question. Sceptics may smile and scoffers sneer, but they can offer no explanation of the phenomena. Let them exclaim that the cures proceed from nervous exaltation, and straightway the infant in arms is the subject of a cure. Let them say that the cures are more imaginary than real, and they are answered by the voice of the deaf-mute for the first time breaking silence. There is indeed but one explanation possible, the Almighty permits that through the prayers of this great servant, cures shall be wrought and

(1) A lady from the United States had long suffered martyrdom from neuralgia. Already four doctors had uselessly tried to relieve her. She consulted a fifth, a Protestant, who, to her great astonishment, gave her the following advice. "Give up, Madam, all hopes in human remedies, and consult Doctor Ste. Anne de Beaupré. They say she belongs to your religion : she will probably cure you ; for she alone is able to do so." Another Protestant physician has asked for the same Doctor's address, wishing to submit to her some difficult cases.