

At the feast of St. Joseph, they made no Bonfire on the day before, as is customary. I was partly the cause of this, for I hardly relished this Ceremony, which had no devotion attending it; and it seemed to me that a benediction in the Saint's honor was better. This, in fact, was done the day before, at the parish church, and, on the Day, at the Ursulines',—where the *hic vir despiciens* was sung with music. On that same vigil, a Cannon-shot was fired at one o'clock; and on the Day, at the morning Angelus, 4 or 5 Cannon-shots.

*St. Joseph.*

At the annunciation, they fired some cannon; this was on monday. We limited ourselves to the sunday vespers; and on the Day, after compline, we sang the litany. On these two feasts we said mass as usual,—the last one at 10 o'clock; at the close, the 1st bell for vespers, and before 11 o'clock the last one.

*Annunciation.*

We held a novena before the Annunciation, and one after it for temporal affairs; it consisted of a special prayer at mass, and of the litany at the end.

*Novenas.*

*Item*, we observed the 40 hours at the religious houses,—on friday, Saturday, and the 4th Sunday in Lent, at the Ursulines'; the following week at the hospital Benedictions were held there every 3 Days: on the 1st, a *miserere*, with penitential prayers; then, for the Blessed Sacrament, the *dixit*, the *Tantum ergo*, and the prayers. On the 2nd, were sung the *Stabat*, the *lauda Hierusalem*, *Tantum ergo*, etc.; on the 3rd, the *pange lingua*, and

*40 hours.*