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A young girl of the same nation, who led a perfectly angelic life, and whose piety and confidence in the power of the Saviour's cross had been rewarded by a sudden cure of a disease deemed incurable by medical men, also thought that, in a dream during the night between the fourth and fifth, she beheld the Mother of God, telling her the hour, and all the circumstances of the earthquake. On the evening of the fifth, a short time before it began, she seemed beside herself, and twice cried aloud at the top of her voice, "It will soon be here;" producing in all who heard her a great sensation.<sup>1</sup>

Finally, the same day, Mother Mary of the Incarnation, the illustrious foundress of the Ursulines of New France, whose generally esteemed works show that she was any thing but weak-minded, after receiving from heaven several warnings of what was about to happen (as she imparted to her director, Father Lallemand), while in prayer,<sup>2</sup> about half-past five thought that she beheld our Lord incensed against Canada, and at the same time felt herself borne by an irresistible power to implore his justice on the crimes committed there. All that she could do to mitigate the rigor of this order, on submitting to it, was to add fervent prayers to obtain from heaven that the souls should not perish with the bodies.

A moment after, she felt assured that the Divine vengeance was about to burst forth, and that the contempt shown for the ordinances of the Church especially enkindled the wrath of God. Almost at the same time, she perceived four demons at the four corners of the city of Quebec, shaking the earth with the utmost violence, and a person of majestic mien, who, from time to time, gave reins

<sup>1</sup> Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1663, p. 6.

<sup>2</sup> She relates all this in her letters in the third person, but there is every reason to infer that she spoke of herself.—*Charlevoix*. See her let-

ter, *Choix de Lettres Historiques*, p. 279. It is not probable that she alludes to herself, as she ascribes it to a "person of tried virtue," terms she would not use to designate herself.