

many blessings to this second century of the existence of our Society, on which we are about to enter, as he has given to the first, there are those now living who may see the entirety and the accomplishment of this plan. I say besides that, as for the time for its progress and advancement, that will be when it shall please God, upon whom alone all depends,—since *neque qui plantat, neque qui rigat est aliquid, sed qui incrementum dat Deus*,—and who wishes all those who labor and contribute to the establishment of his glory so to hope in him, as to be entirely resigned to his good pleasure, generously awaiting the time and moment fixed upon by his holy providence, without being shaken in this frame of mind, nor becoming weary on account of any delay or difficulty that may occur.

I believe I can say truthfully, however, that,—in the 4 or five years that we have assiduously studied how to render ourselves capable of contributing to the conversion of these Peoples, [11] rather than to work effectively among them,—even more has been done for their salvation than in certain other places, where 20 or thirty years were spent before accomplishing as much, in which time only a few hundred children were baptized, who immediately after Baptism flew away to Heaven.

For the rest, I only think that one encounters here fewer difficulties capable of arresting the progress of the Gospel, than in any other part of the world. This can readily be understood from what has been said thereon in previous Relations, where it can be seen that we have to deal with Barbarians to whom the Gospel has never yet been preached,—Barbarians like those of Florida, and others in America,