

who are mentioned in several histories, with an almost general despair of ever being able to gain anything from them in the matter of Christianity, except with aids and methods altogether extraordinary, which often call in doubt the soundness of their conversion. And yet, in order to win success, we have neither the extraordinary help of Heaven in the gift of languages and of miracles, nor can we have, in [12] default of this intervention, that of the splendor, power, and Majesty of the Church and of our France, on account of the great and insurmountable difficulties of the roads; nor even, for this same reason, a moderate degree of succor and assistance that we may live in this barbarism, where we are every moment threatened with death, or at least with banishment. Therefore, having the same difficulties as the others, we are destitute of the ordinary and extraordinary help and assistance to surmount them.

After all I do not know what it means, nor what God intends to do, nor in what way; but we are all full of hope that, with patience and courage, he to whom nothing is impossible, and who from nothing produces whatever he wills, will do more than we would dare to say. What has taken place this year gives us more reason than ever to think so.