

born in the country were attacked by this contagion, as well as the Savages. Those who came from your France were exempt from it, except two or three, already naturalized to the air of this region.

In brief, from the month of August until the month of May, more than one hundred patients entered the hospital, and more than two hundred poor Savages found relief there, either in temporary treatment or in sleeping there one or two nights, or more. There have been seen as many as ten, twelve, twenty, or thirty of them at a time. Twenty poor sick people have received holy Baptism there; and about twenty-four, quitting this house of mercy, have entered the regions of glory. All this is due to the charity and liberality of Madame the Duchess d'Aiguillon, who accomplishes this work with a care and affection truly golden. May this great courage, that she has conceived in the blood of the Son of God, receive its increase [149] in this same adorable blood. But let us see in detail what has taken place in the house of this Lady, or rather in that which she has erected to God.

The excellent order observed in the service of the poor patients in the house of mercy at Dieppe is seen here in new France, to the great edification of our French and the Savages. I will not set it down upon this paper, since you can see it with your own eyes in your France. Father Claude Pijard, who has had charge of the instruction of the poor of this house, during the entire winter, has given me a little relation, couched in these terms: "In the morning, we had the Savages say prayers, and, some time after, the holy Mass was celebrated, at which those who had been baptized were present; after dinner, we had