

have ensued from the use and application of the Crucifix and holy [41] water. But the sufferings endured for a crucified Savior are preferable to all that.

Such, in general, have been the labors and the fruits of this year. Before I set it forth more particularly, I can but thank here, in the name of the good Angels of this country, Messieurs of the Company of New France, who continue every year to increase their charities toward these poor peoples. They may be well assured that one day the portion will be correspondingly augmented, which they have reason to claim in the merits of all that is done and that comes to pass here,—whereof I pray God with all my heart to give them even in this life such pledges and assurances as they may desire.

I will say nothing here of the continual obligations under which we are to Monsieur the Chevalier de Montmagny, our governor: all that I could say thereof is below his merit, and the gratitude that we feel for it. I pray the divine goodness to hold agreeable the prayers which we deem ourselves obliged to make for his health and prosperity; and for that of all [42] those of either France, to whose charity this mission at the end of the world is under so great and special obligations.