

supplies and assistance for our other residences and for our missions; God reduced it all to nothing. The linen, clothing, and other articles necessary for the twenty-seven persons whom we have among the Hurons, were all ready to be conveyed by water to those so distant countries, and our Lord made them pass through the fire. What was needed to maintain, according to our limited resources, the residence of St. Joseph, where the Savages are assembling; the residence of three Rivers, where likewise the Algonquins are settling; the house of Nostre Dame des Anges, and this same house of Kebec, was all consumed in the flames. A rather violent wind, the extreme drouth, the oily wood of the fir, of which these buildings were constructed, kindled a fire so quick and violent that hardly anything could be saved. All the vessels and the bells [192] and chalices were melted; the stuffs some virtuous persons had sent to us to clothe a few seminarists or poor Savages, were consumed in this same sacrifice. Those truly Royal garments that his Majesty had sent to our Savages, to be used in public functions, to honor the liberality of so great a King, were engulfed in this fiery wreck, which reduced us to the hospital; for we had to go and take lodgings in the hall of the poor, until Monsieur our Governor loaned us a house, and, after being lodged therein, this hall of the sick had to be changed into a Church. This was a loss that we shall feel for a long time.

Some time after this great fire, Monsieur the Chevalier de Montmagny, our Governor, assembling the principal Savages of the three Rivers and of the residence of saint Joseph,—to praise the former for the courage they show for the faith, and to encour-