

own cabins. I learn that the Mothers have treated more than one hundred and fifty of them this year.

In the fourth place, this House is not only a refuge for the sick, but also for the needy poor. When these good Mothers see that dearth oppresses these poor people, they provide food for the poorest, and make them come into the sick Ward, where the Reverend Father Superior, or [92] some one of our Fathers who knows the Language, is found, to join the spiritual alms to the material.

In the fifth place, as Saint Joseph is about a league and a half distant from Kebec,—where the Ursuline Mothers have made their retreat, the better to retain and instruct their little Seminarists, permanent as well as temporary, who would be less yielding and more inconstant if with their relatives,—the little Savages, who would not be able to go so far to those good Mothers, meet together at the house of the Hospital Sisters, to be instructed there; they have so much zeal for learning, that they even become importunate. Such are the fruits that this holy House produces, and, if their forces increase, fruits will increase in proportion,—for great acts of love are the true Miracles which touch the hearts of Greeks and of Barbarians. In short, one can say of the Savages, what Jacob did in speaking of God: *Si dederit mihi panem ad vescendum, et vestimentum ad induendum, erit mihi Dominus in Deum.* If you help the Savages, you will possess them all.

[93] The following is what I read in a paper which the Mother Superior gave me: “We have received and helped in our Hospital sixty-seven sick Savages, and one Frenchman; we have maintained, during the winter, the poor and the infirm who were not