

were in no wise able to make him renounce this project. They did their best to dissuade him from it, but all their efforts only served to make his constancy apparent. This is not all; as St. Bernard won his brothers, who endeavored to prevent him from entering the Religious life, even so, this young man will call and will bring with him those who wished to hinder him from listening to Jesus Christ: for I learn that one of the chief among them already wavers, saying that he is inclined to believe in God as does his younger brother.

I shall conclude this chapter with the death of a dear dove,—this is Mother de sainte Marie, whom God has taken from us: *Pretiosa in conspectu Domini mors sanctorum ejus*. Oh, how precious before God is the death of this Bride of Jesus Christ! She was somewhat ill after leaving France, from a cold or congestion which seized her at the [102] time of setting sail; the illness increased upon the sea, and still more upon land. Since her arrival here she has preached more forcibly to the Savages by her patience, and by her resignation, and by her cheerfulness in a lingering and painful sickness than three Preachers could have done with all their eloquence. She often dragged herself into the ward for the sick, to have the comfort of seeing them; we took pleasure in meeting her there, with a group of these poor Barbarians, in order to teach them resignation by the example of this poor sick woman. They could not comprehend how a young girl, so affectionate and delicate, was able to forget her country and her parents, with such cheerfulness as she showed in her face and in her words.

Sieur Giffard, who treated her in her sickness,