

helping. It is true that These Missions are filled with Crosses,—both in the difficulty of the Roads during the winter, and as regards food, clothing, lodging, the smoke, etc.; but the chief trouble is the Bondage that one is in with reference to saying one's prayers and taking a little rest away from the bustle, besides the privation of mass, which is said not at all, or very seldom. We have twice come near dying in the roads: once It was on A frozen lake, where two savages died from cold on the very evening when we passed. O My dear brother, pray for us that he may Preserve us and strengthen the Courage which he gives us; we have much need of it. We have, through his Goodness, announced his name this winter to fifteen thousand savages, and there have been very few Converted; we have baptized in all about a Hundred,—nearly all during the Disease. But Yet we see the progress which is being made; we are assured that God is with us,—we see it Clearly,—but he Guides us step by step. He has given us many blessings upon our House in which we have been thirty Frenchmen: there is Comfort in having our domestics,—laymen in dress but religious in Heart. His providence appears to us very special in causing us to find What is necessary to us for living; on the day of St. Joseph, our good patron, we saw in our house our provision of Corn for a Year. Let us hope, let us hope, my dear brother, that These blessings will be followed by the great blessing which we expect upon These accursed lands. Pray for us, and entreat all Those who love Jesus Christ, to Interest him in the matter which he has placed for us in their hands; among others, we very especially thank the Reverend Father Prosper for