

supply means for undertaking and maintaining all these plans. The master of the feast, who sends us to invite and constrain our crippled ones to enter the banquet hall, has only too much power and wisdom not to support and sustain us to the end; and it is not conceivable that he would forsake us in so glorious a path. Among the many devout and generous souls that are now in France,—and that appear to have no other occupation than that of seeing where and in what they may be able to use, for the service of God and their Redeemer, and by this means to secure, these few worldly goods, of which death shows them only too well that they can otherwise have but the usufruct,—what probability [95] of discouragement can there be of seeing before death this permanent house of sainte Marie, the mother of all the Missionaries, and each one of these seven Missions, and those also which shall follow hereafter, by the help of God, established and endowed forever; and especially as the question is only of the support and maintenance of two Evangelistic workers in each Mission? These Missions bear titles and names sufficiently fitted to satisfy the devotion of those who might wish to be Fathers of them; but if their inclination lead them to change the names, I know no law which can hinder their being, at the same time, both fathers and godfathers of them. The holy Ghost, on the blessed day of whose descent I am closing this Relation, will be the master and guide of this affair,—which, as well as all the others that concern these regions, I cannot sufficiently commend to the Sacrifices, prayers, and devotions of those who shall have any knowledge of them.