

CHAPTER VII.

OF THE HOSPITAL.

THE admirable order that prevails in the Hospital houses of Dieppe and of Vannes is delightful.

Our Hospital in Canada, though in the center of Barbarism, is equally godly. In this Chapter, we will say a few words about it, which I take from the memoirs written by Mother Marie de St. Ignace.

[91] She begins by very humbly expressing her gratitude and by returning heartfelt thanks to their beloved Foundress, Madame the Duchess d'Aiguillon. "What could we do," she says, "without that Lady's wonderful help? Her outlays at these frontiers of the world are enormous. The stones of which our buildings are constructed are more costly than marble, though no one sells them. The number of the Savages, which has been greater this year in the newly-founded village of Saint Joseph, has caused us to exercise charity towards three hundred persons, or thereabout, including the sick and convalescent, and the unfortunates who require our aid. It is impossible for us not to let our hearts soften, and not to extend our hands towards these good Neophytes who have given us as much consolation this year, and even more, because their number has been greater than in former ones. The charity of Reverend Father Vimont and of the other Fathers who have fostered the growth of these new plants,