

doing without their guidance, by aid of the extraordinary light and succor which she received from the Divine spirit, but also filling the place of father and mother to two brothers of hers, much younger than herself.

She lived in a continual retreat and retirement, [6] and God inspired her with a regard for our religion so greatly in advance of her age that every one was astonished. Her two little brothers, whom she supported by her toil, also received from her all the instruction and every example of virtue suited to their age, so that the most skillful Missionaries, had they given careful attention to the children, could not have attained better results. Left free by the death of these two little boys, she earnestly asked to be admitted among the Ursuline Mothers, and was on the point of obtaining her request when it pleased God to give her a place in Heaven among the Virgins who follow the Lamb. All the people of her Nation and the French, of every [7] age, emulously went to bestow their admiration on the courage of this brave girl, and to receive instruction from the example of her resignation and patience. Her tender devotion to the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar made her ardently desire not to let a single day pass without receiving this daily Bread. It was granted her only three times during her illness, and her extreme weakness could not prevent her from going to receive it on her knees the first two times; but on the last occasion, being too utterly prostrated by her ailment, she was forced to remain in bed. She received her Savior at that time with such tender sentiments, and such ardent desires and transports of love, that those who had hastened to her side, in great numbers,