

taking the veil. If you should meet with such, you would confer a great favor on those girls who are already thoroughly accustomed to this country,—and, among others, on one who, for the past twelve years, has had a desire to become a nun. She is twenty years old, and only told us her purpose last year, thinking to be received because of our need of girls; and we would very willingly take her if our superiors would permit us. See, Monsieur, if anything can be done; for I have promised this good girl to write you about her—which [8] I do with all my heart, knowing your great charity and love for the poor, of whom Canada is very full, there never having been so many here before. Since the vessels sailed, we have had four huguenots who were very sick, and very obstinate in their false belief. We took all conceivable pains to set them in the right way to Paradise; but in vain, and with no apparent result, until our Lord (to whom alone it belongs to bless the moments and sanctify the labors of his elect), by increasing the ailment of these poor blinded ones, wrought the salvation of their souls. This was done in such wise that we were all filled with joy and wonder at beholding so sudden a change, and such christian sentiments in persons who, during all their previous lives, had not had the least conception of [9] piety. To crown our consolation, they died in this excellent frame of mind, one of them even expiring a moment after receiving the holy Viaticum, and spending his last breath in uttering a prayer of love toward God. You will learn from the Relation how the great courage of Monsieur our Governor prompted him to conduct a campaign against the Iroquois during last winter's severe cold. Without