

work, we would have fine churches in this country.

You will have learned of the dissensions between Monseigneur of Quebec and the Recollets. He laid their church under an interdict; they submitted for a month or so, and then opened it. He admonished them; they persisted, and showed their privileges, which state that a bishop cannot lay their church under an interdict unless at the same time the town bind itself to support them. This ecclesiastical war between the Gentlemen of St. Sulpice and the religious is worse than the Iroquois war, on account of the scandal, and of the difference between the present times and those that existed on my arrival in Canada—when I found among the ecclesiastics and the religious *cor unum et anima una*. God ceases not to bless us, as the harvest has been good, notwithstanding the fact that, since the eclipse in the month of june, the weather has been very rainy at the renewals of the moon, during the 1st quarters. *The 2 Fathers sent out this year<sup>25</sup> have reached Quebec safely; while the two priests who were sent from St. Sulpice in Paris, and the recollet Fathers, who were on a ship named the "St. Joseph," were captured, 60 leagues from Quebec, by the English, who sent them back without doing them any injury. They were filibusters from virginia, who take refuge in Baston. One of our two Fathers was at once chosen to be chaplain of a King's ship sailing to Hudson's Bay, whither I would have gone, had I had time to go down to Quebec to embark on it, for the purpose of teaching a class in mathematics on board the ship, and of wintering in the north. I have seen Father Pinette, who has come out from our province; he is quite well, and remained only 6 days at Quebec. He came up at once,*