

occupy the new mansion which is destined for them, and which they have for so long a time desired.

When they shall once be settled there, to the instruction of the boarders, the orphans, the girls who live without, and the Negro women, they will add also the care of the sick in the hospital, and a house of refuge for women of questionable character. Perhaps they will even at length be able to aid in affording regularly each year the retreat to a large number of women, in accordance with the taste with which we have inspired them.²⁴

So many works of charity would, in France, be sufficient to occupy many associations and different institutions. But what cannot great zeal effect? These different labors do not at all startle seven Ursulines, and by the grace of God they are able to sustain them, without infringing at all on the observance of their religious rules. But for myself, I very much fear that, if some assistance do not arrive, they may sink under the weight of such great fatigues. Those who, before they were acquainted with them, said they had come out too soon and in too great a number, have entirely changed their views and their language; witnesses of their edifying conduct and the great services which they render to the Colony, they find that they have not arrived soon enough, and that there could not come too much of the same virtue and the same merit.

The *Tchikachas*, a brave Nation but treacherous, and little known to the French, have endeavored to seduce the Illinois Tribes from their allegiance: they have even sounded some particular persons to see whether they could not draw them over to the party of those Savages who were enemies of our Nation.