

she was by that illumination with which God favored her, she never manifested the least attachment to her own will.

Her patience was the proof of all her acquirements. In the midst of her continual infirmities she always preserved a peace and serenity of spirit which charmed us. She never forgot herself, either to utter a complaint or give the slightest sign of impatience. During the last two months of her life her sufferings were extraordinary. She was obliged to remain night and day in the same position, and the least movement caused her the most intense pain. But when these pains were felt with the greatest severity, then she seemed most content, esteeming herself happy, as she herself said, to live and die on the cross, uniting her sufferings to those of her Savior.

As she was full of faith, she had a high idea of every thing relating to religion ; and this inspired her with a particular respect for those whom God called to the holy ministry. Her hope was firm, her love disinterested, serving God for the sake of God himself, and influenced only by the desire to please him. Her devotion was tender even to tears ; her communion with God intimate and uninterrupted, never losing sight of him in all her actions ; and it was this which raised her in so short a time to so sublime a state of piety.

In short, there was nothing more remarkable in Catharine than this angelical purity, of which she was so jealous, and which she preserved even to her latest breath. It was, indeed, a miracle of grace that a young Iroquois should have had so strong an attachment to a virtue so little known in her own country, and that she should have lived in such innocence of life during twenty years that she remained in the very midst of licentiousness and dis-