

ing at such times, he never appeared more content. The three last years of his life when war hindered the savages from freely following the chase as well as from putting seed into their grounds, the destitution became extreme and the missionary found himself in a frightful scarcity. Care was taken to send him from Quebec the provisions necessary to his subsistence. "I am ashamed," he wrote to me, "of the care you take of me; a missionary born for suffering ought not to be so well treated."

He would not suffer anyone to lend a hand for his assistance in the most common needs and always served himself. It was he who cultivated his garden, who prepared his wood for heating his cabin and his porridge, who repaired his torn garments, seeking by the spirit of poverty to make them last the longest time possible. The cassock which he wore when he was killed appeared to those who despoiled him so worn out and in so poor a condition that they disdained to appropriate it as they had at first intended. They threw it back over his body and it was sent to us at Quebec.

As much as he was given to a hard treatment of himself, so much was he compassionate toward others. He had nothing merely to himself and all that he received he distributed as soon as the need arose to his poor disciples. On their part also they gave at his death demonstrations of sorrow more lively than if they had lost their nearest relatives.

He took an extraordinary care to embellish his church, convinced that this outward attire, which strikes the senses, animates the devotion of barbarous people and inspires them with a deeper veneration for our holy mysteries. As he knew a little of painting and used it with a good degree of correctness, the church was decorated with a number of works at which he himself had labored.

You judge well, my Reverend Father, that these virtues of which New France has been a witness for many years, have gained for him the respect and affection of the French and of the savages.

Moreover he is universally regretted. No one doubts that he has been sacrificed through hate of his ministry and of his zeal

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