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overcome by hunger, that we were forced to eat it all. The next day we were no stronger than the day before, and, on the 28th, we were without resources, and with no hope of finding any in time to save us from starvation. We accordingly prepared for death by reciting the Litany of the Saints ; then we fell on our knees, and lifting my hands to Heaven, I uttered this prayer :

" Great God, if it is thy will that we share the fate of the fourteen persons who have perished before our eyes, delay not to fulfil it ; do not permit despair to overcome us ; call us to thyself while we are resigned to leave this world without regret ; but, Lord, if thou hast not yet resolved our death, send us help, and give us strength to support, without a murmur, the afflictions which thy justice still prepares for us, that we may not lose in an instant the fruit of the submission which we have thus far had to the decrees of thy Providence."

I was concluding my prayer, when we heard the report of a gun, which we quickly answered ; we supposed rightly, that it was the Indian who owned the canoe we had ; he wished to see whether any of us were still alive, and perceiving it by our gun, he kindled a fire to pass the night. He did not suppose us able to go to him, and clearly did not wish us to do so, for, as soon as he saw us, he hid in the wood a part of a bear which he had killed, and fled.

As we wore boots, we had a good deal of trouble to reach his fire ; we had to cross a pretty large river, thawed for some days ; we saw the tracks of his flight, and followed them with incredible fatigue ; and even this would have been useless, had not the Indian been