

I experienced, to acquiesce with the Lord's will. Divine grace, however, at length enabled me to say, and I think in the same resigned temper with which David addressed Zadok; 'here am I, let him do to me as seemeth good unto him.' I now understand the cause of this gospel discipline. The Lord was gradually preparing my heart for the duties of that grateful office which I was destined to execute. Had I known the name of my proposed associate, it is probable that I should have refused all solicitation; but I had so long experienced Rohoirc's fidelity, that his word was law with me. Then first I understood that Christian obligation, to do good for its own sake. Thanks be to God! it was effected; and I can truly say, that in giving, I received. Truly I was a novice in almost every thing, and confinement in the Nunnery had not instructed me. It was a mercy, therefore, that I witnessed your Mother's last year. Death and sickness, except in my own experienced debility, I had never seen; for the Nuns at Quebec excluded me from all intercourse, as much as if I had been infected with the plague. At Three Rivers I very impressively learnt how mortality vanisheth away. In a most affecting example, I saw how the Lord can adapt his mercy. Anxiously I beheld every step in the pathway of righteousness trodden by Therese, from the city of destruction to the river of death, until grace triumphed in glory. During this whole scene, I was also deeply convinced of my own increasing frailty; but I had a companion. Her strong bursts of penitential anguish enlivened my own contrite feelings. Her occasional vehemence to take