

noble and holy soul, chosen by God for the salvation of millions and millions of souls. I kissed most reverently the feet of him that preached the Gospel of peace ; and was then carried away from the privileged place I occupied, by the order of the day, which was to grant to as many faithful as possible the consolation of seeing God's marvel in His Saint. In the evening, on that and on the four following days, the Archbishop took us again to the body of the Saint, in a private manner, when we had full leisure to pour out our prayers for ourselves and for those in our charge, and to examine most closely the body in its present state. We clearly found the statements corroborated, which the historians made about the injuries the body had received on the afore-mentioned occasions. I was allowed to lift up the right foot, and, being by no means of an enthusiastic frame of mind, to inspect it leisurely from all sides ; the same I did with the hand and the head. The right foot was quite complete and intact : the heel, the sole, the toes, the nails, the muscles and tendons beneath the skin, everything in perfect order and well preserved, though hardened, shrivelled, and of a brownish color. The left foot I found somewhat injured ; the second toe hanging broken, the three smaller ones were missing, and the skin of the heel was in some parts detached, yet very strongly coherent like the strongest leather. The right cheek and the tip of the nose appeared injured, but the eyes were full and not at all sunk in, so too the abdomen, as the physician told me, who had examined the body. The left hand showed in like manner the sinews beneath the skin, and the fingers with the nails in perfect preservation. *Nowhere any sign of decay !* (Italics in the original.) Considering that the body has never been embalmed, but on the contrary, subjected to the most efficient decomposing agency of fresh and