

hotel-keeper in the place would have consented to board and lodge any person for less than five dollars per week. Further: the United States Government had allowed a certain sum for the furnishing or the construction of edifices, and, by an addition of unfortunate circumstances, the task had scarcely been begun, when the money was already expended. Well, thanks to the intelligence and activity of Father Duerinck, the mission met all these expenses, and triumphed over all the obstacles. But how many trials and fatigues were necessary to shelter his dear Indian family from indigence! Crossing immense deserts, to buy animals at a low price, and conduct them to St. Mary's; descending and ascending the Missouri, a distance of several hundreds of miles; continually on the watch, in order to discover an opportunity favorable for the arrangement and disposition of the products of the farm; exerting himself in every way to find means of subsistence; ever imagining new resources, forming new plans, and executing new projects, to meet the wants of the great family which had been intrusted to him, is what Father Duerinck nobly undertook for the good of the mission, and in which he succeeded perfectly.

"The Father had a strongly-marked character, or rather a soul virtuously courageous. The infirmities to which he was subject, never drew from him a complaint, nor produced the least alteration in his manners. For him, winter seemed to have lost its frosty rigors, and summer its stifling heats. He continually braved the inclemency of the seasons. We have seen him undertake a long journey in the extreme cold, and continue it in defiance of the icy breath of the north wind, and on arriving at the house where he proposed to lodge, perceive that some of his limbs had become as hard as stone by the cold which had stiffened them; so that, in order not to lose the use of them, it became necessary to bathe them