

achieved by these new martyrs, in order to gain over souls to Jesus Christ.

To the same church of Sillery was also attached a hospital attended by nuns of the Hotel Dieu, called Hospitallers of the Precious Blood. There likewise it was that these worthy spouses of Jesus Christ, bereft of all human consolation, went to seek the courage they needed in order to lavish their assistance, at the risk of their lives, on the multitude of poor indians who were attacked by contagious diseases which almost always led to inevitable death.

2. This monument is also intended to recall the memory of the illustrious man who has given his name to the mission of Sillery.—Noel Brulart de Sillery, was born at Paris, on the 25th of December 1677, of noble and virtuous parents, from whom he inherited a great name and a considerable fortune. I will not undertake to give you lengthly details of his life ; let it suffice for me to say that, after having held all the offices which could satisfy human ambition, he became finally convinced of the vanity and nothingness of that glory to which he had been perhaps too much attached. In the midst of all the pomp he displayed as the ambassador of his sovereign at Madrid and at Rome, he used, nevertheless, to spend a considerable portion of his wealth in deeds of charity. But he felt that God required more from him, and that he ought thenceforward to employ his great riches solely to the acquiring of treasures of merit for heaven. It was in obe-