

she might be secure of her happiness. She addressed the same petition to the Marquis of Vaudreuil, whom she venerated and loved as a father. These eminent persons, holding the opinion that under the circumstances the nuns should make an exception to the Constitution of the Order, the question was taken into consideration in the Monastery, and after due deliberation the Council decided that as the novice was, according to the French law, of age, and had moreover lost the use of the language of her native land, also that as in New England she would not have an opportunity of practising her religion, exception ought to be made in her favor: accordingly the Ursuline Mothers consented to admit her to pronounce her vows. Thus the usual probation was shortened by nine months, and is the only exception of the kind recorded in the annals of the Ursulines of Quebec.

The happy novice, therefore, attained her most ardent desire, and in presence of all the distinguished persons the city contained, and under the episcopal blessing, she placed the final seal upon her holy engagements.

Immediately after the profession of Miss Wheelwright word was sent to her family, who instead of being displeased at the step the young lady had taken, despatched a courier from Boston with letters and presents. Among other things was sent a beautiful portrait of her mother. We can imagine the tender tears the young nun shed over the likeness of a mother whom she could scarcely remember, and whose features were entirely unfamiliar to her; how