

Father Jean Baptiste Maurice, S. J., who died in 1746, and was the immediate predecessor of Father Coquart, who laid the foundation of the chapel, as already recorded. There are still preserved some chandeliers carved by the Jesuits; beyond these, the "Louis Quatorze Bell," and the paintings, there is nothing of special interest in the chapel, but there is, and always ought to be, an archæological interest in the site where the Cross was first planted at the mouth of the Saguenay, and where the Indians (Montagnais) of the district were baptized and received the sign of the holy cross in token of their new birth, and their admission to the privileges of Christianity. I should like to see erected on the site a chapel rivalling in beauty any on this continent, nay even the famous La Sainte Chapelle, Paris, or the Chapel of St. Stephen, Westminster Palace.

Not deeming such a consummation probable or possible, let those who have any veneration for their country's history aid the restoration of the present chapel. Let the descendants of those who played so important a part in the stirring times of Champlain, Pont-gravé, Montmorency, Maisonneuve, Laval, De Frontenac, La Salle, De Longueuil, Vaudreuil, Beauharnois, Montcalm, and De Salaberry, help to rescue the Chapel of Ste. Croix from its present degraded condition. The western porch with the steps leading thereto are in a wretched plight, the building itself requires not only renovation, but enlargement and decoration. For this purpose subscription boxes are put up in the chapel and at the Tadousac Hotel, and it is to be hoped that no visitor to this place of rest and recreation will omit to drop his spare silver into them. Assuredly all Christian souls ought to feel, no matter to what denomination they belong, that this cradle, as it were, of the Gospel in Canada ought to be had in everlasting remembrance. I have given as much information as I could possibly collect from the resident priest, who de-