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L. CRESPEL, *Recollect.*

## VII.

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I soon saw that our sick comrades could not escape death ; they felt it themselves, and, although they seemed resigned, I did not deem myself dispensed from serving them the last days of their life. I said prayers morning and evening beside them ; I then confirmed them in the submission which they had to the will of Heaven ; "Offer your sufferings to Jesus Christ," I would say, "they will render you worthy of gathering the fruit of the blood shed for the salvation of the human race ; the Man God is the perfect model of that patience and resignation which I admire in you ; your exile is about to end ; and what thanks have you not to render to our Lord for having furnished you, by this shipwreck, the surest means of reaching the port of salvation ! You leave, indeed, wives who expect all from you, my dear friends ; you leave children, whose establishment was to be your labor, but hope in God, he is a good Father, he never abandoned his own, and rest assured, that, in calling you to himself, he will not forget that he has taken you from your families, who will, after your death, need the care of his Providence. He has, himself, promised to be the stay of the widow and the orphan ; his word is firm ; his promises are never ineffectual, and you, by your sufferings, especially deserve that he should cast a look of favor on your wives and children, and do for them much more than you ever could have done."

These poor dying men answered me only by assuring me that all their hope was in God, and that it was so firm that they were ready to leave the world without thinking of those whom they left, except to recommend them to his divine protection.