

gave great hopes. I have been unable to ascertain the reasons which induced him to interrupt his apostolic labors among these tribes,¹ in order to go and exercise his zeal in the furthest extremes of the North. But it is certain that no missionary then labored with greater fruit in Canada, because Heaven had rendered him powerful in works as well as in words.

1652.

Progress of
the Faith
among the
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The Indians who accompanied him in his excursions spoke of nothing but the wonders wrought by his means, which, joined to the eminent virtues which they saw him practise, facilitated all that he undertook for the glory of God. The French had the same opinion of his sanctity and his influence with the Almighty. I knew a lady at Three Rivers—Madame de Cournoyer, wife of a captain in the marine forces—who, having during her infancy fallen into a languor deemed by the physicians incurable, was healed the moment the servant of God made the sign of the cross on her forehead. The circumstances of the case were stated to me by the mother² of the lady herself, who held her in her arms when she was restored.

It seems, nevertheless, that Father Dreuilletes never entirely lost sight of his beloved Abénaquis, among whom his credit became so great, that the English, whose interest led them to propitiate these Indians, then neighbors, thought it their duty carefully to cultivate his friendship; and they always showed great regard for him. On his side, he corresponded in a manner that satisfied them fully; and he availed himself so well of this good under-

¹ See ante, p. 203. Father Druillettes went to the Abnakis in 1650, Sept. 1: *Relation de la Nouvelle France*, 1651, p. 15 (Ragueneau, *Journal*, Sept. 1, 1650), and again in June, 1651, after a two weeks' stay in the colony: *Relation de la Nouvelle France*, 1652, p. 22.

² Madame de Linetot, wife of a major of Three Rivers, who was a

son of Mr. Godefroy, who had been ambassador to Boston with Father Dreuilletes.—*Charlevoix*. He probably confounds John Paul Godefroy of Quebec with John Godefroy from Linctot, in the pays de Caux, who resided at Three Rivers, and was the ancestor of the Godefroys de Linctot: Ferland, *Notes sur le Registre de Québec*, p. 68.