

French. "We have," said he, "two powerful enemies who are destroying us,—one is ignorance of God, which is killing our souls; the other is the *Hiroquois*, who are slaughtering our bodies; they force us to be wanderers. We are like seeds which are sown in divers places, or rather like grains of dust scattered by the wind,—some are buried in one place, some in another. The country is failing us; there is now scarcely any more game in the neighborhood of the French. Unless we reap something from the earth, we are going to ruin. Consider, you people," said he, "whether you wish to help us, according to the [264 i.e., 260] promise made to us by the late *Monsieur de Champlain*."

Thereupon *Monsieur the Governor* asked *sieur Olivier* and *sieur Nicolet*, who were present, if it were true that *Monsieur de Champlain* had made this promise. They answered that, in fact, *Monsieur de Champlain* had told them that, as soon as the settlement at the three Rivers was founded, they would be assisted. Now, as I was present at that assembly, I begged *Monsieur the Governor* to let me answer the Savages; this being granted to me, I told them that they were forgetting part of what had been decided at that meeting. They replied that they had not the use of the pen, as we had, to preserve upon paper the remembrance of what was discussed among them. Then I told them that the help which they mentioned had been promised to them, provided they would become sedentary, and would give their children to be instructed and reared in the Christian faith. When *Monsieur the Governor* heard this, he assured them that he was ready to abide by these conditions on his side, provided they would carry out