

baptized; on the 9th, a family; on the 16th, two families,—and all very solemnly.

On the 13th of February, a girl of ten or twelve years was baptized with the ceremonies of the church.

On the 2nd of March, and other days following the carnival, the devil was unchained here as well as in France. There was only deviltry and masquerading at that time throughout the Huron country; two or three of our Christians were debauched therein, and many others, who were inclined to baptism, have become cold. We had recourse to God through the holy sacrifice of the mass and through the forty hours, during which we exposed the Blessed Sacrament. The Relation will give a faithful account of the rest. I assure Your Reverence that it is very accurate; hence I will content myself with touching [185] incidentally upon the deviltries of these peoples. You will be able to judge from what follows that it is no little task for us to rear and keep in order in the midst of a perverse nation, these new plants of christianity that God has committed to us; we can say with saint Paul, *Filioli quos iterum parturio*, etc. We and they have much need of the prayers of Your Reverence; I commend them to your charity.

1. All their actions are dictated to them directly by the devil, who speaks to them, now in the form of a crow or some similar bird, now in the form of a flame or a ghost, and all this in dreams, to which they show great deference,—so great that, if they are asked to express their sentiments upon any subject, they say, “Wait until we have consulted the dream.” For better results, they fast beforehand. They consider the dream as the master of their lives, it is the God of the country; it is this which dictates