

Extracts from a Letter of Father Jean de Brébeuf  
to the Very Reverend Father Mutius Vitelleschi, General of the Society  
of Jesus, at Rome.

CONCERNING ours who live with the Hurons, great peace and union prevails among them. . . . Religious discipline is not only observed, in fact, as in the great colleges,—but the punctual observance of all the rules is also increased from day to day.

Indeed all of our household strive toward perfection according to their powers,—chiefly, of course, those who have given themselves to be associates [Fr. *donnés*]. For the rest, as for this class of men, who in these regions are certainly not only useful, but necessary . . . .

We have among the Hurons a church consisting of about 60 members, whose virtue and fervor give us great consolation. Moreover, the number increases little by little, and will continue, as we hope, from day to day,—if only we are steadfast.

Besides, a greater field opens daily, wherein the zeal and activity of ours may exercise itself. We have established two new missions this year,—one among those Algonquins whom we name Nipissirini, whose native qualities seem sufficiently . . . ; the other, in that nation which we call Neutral, in which there is a great harvest: for there are in it