

them from it, neither does the severity of the cold, the snow, the ice, the distance of their cabins, or the hour of Mass, which is at daybreak, keep them away. They often receive the Sacraments; it is this which nurtures them and sustains them in the faith; in a word, they conduct themselves very well, and would do better still, if their eyes were not shocked by the evil example of their relatives and unbelieving Countrymen." I have been informed that thirty-two Neophytes received communion on the feast of St. Peter and Saint Paul; that is not a few for a Church which has just been founded, and which is still nourished only by bread mingled with tears: but let us come down more to details.

A young Christian, being more than a hundred leagues from the Three Rivers, and in a cabin of the pagans, introduced prayers; he pronounced them first, and all the others responded. If any one killed a beaver, or some other animal, [113] he knelt down on the spot, and returned thanks to God.

An extremely proud woman was so changed by her baptism, that she has become as docile as a little lamb: she has an incredible eagerness to be instructed. If she goes some time without receiving the Sacraments, she comes back longing for these living waters, like a deer pursued by hunters. A young man of her family having fallen sick, begged her to send for one of their Jugglers, that he might chant and breathe upon him, after their fashion; this good woman was angry at him. "I would rather," said she to him, "see thee die, than that God be offended through my instrumentality; have recourse to him who made thee; these deceivers could not cure thee."

She exhorts the new Christians to give a good