

never act contrary to the obligations of her baptism.

A young girl of the Iroquet Nation having had some instruction down there during the Autumn, spent the winter among the Hurons; and, seeing that in the Village where she was, a thousand blasphemies were spit forth against God, and against us, she took up personally the cause of God, and our defense. They were never able to prevent her saying her prayers; her parents told us, that through her means they had learned to pray to God.

In spite of all the attacks of the Devil, the Unbelievers are, however, opening their eyes by degrees,—so that they are becoming softened and tamed, giving us hopes of their conversion. A certain man who appeared as obstinate as [116] the others, being pursued by the Hiroquois, had recourse to prayer; and when he was asked what he said, he repeated the *Pater* and the *Ave*, which he had learned in a few days from a poor blind woman who had been instructed and baptized at the Hospital.

What I am going to say of the Attikamegues, concerns this Residence, because the Fathers who are here instruct them,—but very seldom, for they make their appearance only like flashes of lightning. The Savages of this country call them Attikamegues, from the word “Attikamegou,” which signifies a certain white fish. I have not seen in France any like this; it has a very good flavor; and perhaps it was through finding abundance of it in the country of these good people, that they were given the name of the fish. They dwell in the lands to the North of the Three Rivers; they have dealings with other Nations still more distant from our settlements; they come down by the river which we call in the Savage