

didst teach me, and which I had thee write on this paper: look at it, and listen to me, so as to see if I have forgotten anything." The Father [120] was quite at a loss; for he had put only the initial letters of several prayers and of several acts of virtue which he had taught him, but which he no longer remembered. He bethought himself of this evasion: "But rather," said he to him, "begin first thyself; say aloud what I have taught thee, that I may see if thou hast changed anything." This good Savage began to recite not only what was marked on his paper, but all that he had been taught, with such fidelity, that the Father remained much delighted, and greatly astonished at him. "I must confess," adds the Father, "that no Savage has ever touched me more than this one, not only by the candor and simplicity with which he acted, and the feeling of devotion which he manifested, but by the attention that he gave to my words, and the eagerness that he had to know the doctrine of salvation. As soon as I spoke to him of Baptism, he asked for it with the greatest ardor. 'Do not fear,' said he to me, 'I shall not turn back; I earnestly believe, and my Father will aid me to obey him.' I wished to test him before his people," says the Father; "he always proved himself to be firm and steadfast,—so [121] that I had appointed a day for his baptism; but an alarm about the Hiroquois coming on that very day, these people fled immediately into the country, and he with them, fearing those warriors more than Demons."

The newly-baptized Neophytes greatly help their Countrymen; one of those who had retired to Sillery, being at the Three Rivers during the stay of these Attikamegues, who are of his kindred, said to one of