

Kyristinouns,<sup>10</sup> who trade on the Northern sea, assured us that they found four hundred men who all speak Montagnais,—that is equivalent to four thousand souls.”

[216] Here are a few words from Father Pierre Pijart: “I have been on a Mission to the tobacco Nation; I found two Villages where Algonquin was spoken, in one of which the men go entirely nude. It is asserted that the people of the fire Nation, and of another that is called the Awanchronon Nation, also speak Algonquin; here is a fine extent of country for our Fathers who shall learn this language,—here is indeed something to animate their zeal. A prisoner belonging to the fire Nation told me that he had heard, in his own country, that there were found certain people at the South of those lands, who planted and harvested Indian corn twice a year, and that the last harvest was made in the month of December.” These are the Father’s own words.

Whoever shall check or vanquish the fury of the Hiroquois, or shall succeed in means of winning them, will open the door to Jesus Christ in all these regions. It is a great honor that God grants to men, to make them partakers in the labors of the Cross of his Son, for the conversion of souls.