

Each of the Huron missions has a chapter, in Lalemant's report, assigned to its work and progress for the past year. The residence of Ste. Marie is the headquarters of all the Jesuit missions; hither all the gospel laborers come for their annual reunion, and it is likely to become a refuge for the Christian Indians who find it too hard to resist the heathen influences around them. As it is, these converts come on Saturday evenings, from even twelve leagues' distance, to celebrate the Sabbath with their teachers.

Montmagny's prudent and just treatment of the savages has done them much good; they admire his liberality, yet fear his sternness. Certain tribes, under this dread, have rendered satisfaction to the missionaries for the injuries inflicted upon them.

On November 2, the Fathers depart from Ste. Marie on their itinerant missions, leaving Chastellain alone to guard the house, and entertain the Christian Indians who might come hither.

Most of the Huron converts are found in the village of Ossossané, where was established the first of these missions, La Conception. The pillar of this little church was Joseph Chihwatenhwa, slain last year by the Iroquois; but this disaster seems on the whole to have confirmed the other Christians in their faith. "We could hardly desire more content and satisfaction than we receive from this little flock. It appears to us like a small lump of gold refined in the furnace of many tribulations." Joseph's brother, Teondechorren, is converted, and takes his dead brother's name; the missionaries have much hope from him. A new chapel has been erected there, where regular services are held. In one of his missionary journeys, Father Le Mercier falls into