

the water, while crossing the ice, and barely escapes death.

The missions of St. Joseph and of St. Jean Baptiste—respectively the most southern and the most eastern in the Huron region—are under the care of Fathers Daniel and Le Moyne. This is a laborious field, on account of its great extent; and dangerous, because the forest trails are infested by the Iroquois. An Iroquois prisoner is baptized, before his torments begin. A man who in health had scorned the truth, and abused its preachers, sends for these when he is about to die; and his soul is, by baptism, saved from endless woe.

Next is mentioned the mission to the Tobacco Nation, where the difficulties of their work are unusually great, because this tribe, not going to the trading posts of the French, know but little of them, and look upon them as utter strangers. However, the missionaries, who last year were driven from the villages of these people, are now at last tolerated, and some Indians even desire instruction.

The new mission to the Neutral Nation is undertaken by Brébeuf and Chaumonot. This tribe and their country are described, as also their relations with other tribes about them, and their customs. From this region the missionaries have a wide outlook upon other tribes hitherto unknown to them except by name; and they recount various items of information concerning these. Lalemant mentions the journey of the Récollet Daillon, in 1626, to this Neutral tribe. He then relates the present experiences of Brébeuf and Chaumonot; the former, having a widespread reputation as a sorcerer, is greatly dreaded by the Neutrals, who for some time perse-