

last year, who they found had died, and others whom they recently baptized,—to see, generally speaking, these People gentler and more docile by half than they were last year; many of them begin willingly to hear of God, and a few of them would even seem sufficiently prepared for Baptism, if experience had not shown us that, as regards Barbarians, immediate baptism is not best. Some Algonquins in these parts begin even now to pray, and to sing the praises of God. The example of some of their own tongue, whom they have seen here in our house, and [46] of others of whom they have heard, gives them, it appears, some holy emulation. May it please God to increase and strengthen it in them!

These Algonquins are especially important to us, as we know that they have dealings with the Western Nations, which we have not yet found any means of reaching. Perhaps this is the door that God in his own time will open to us, if we are faithful to him in that which we have in hand.