

rest; but as no one was found willing to listen, it was necessary to withdraw.

Notwithstanding, the Fathers did not consider themselves driven out of the Country by the result of this Council. However, they thought that if, in the past, they had had trouble in going through the villages, they possibly would have more than ever in the future. Indeed, they no sooner approached a village, than from all sides was screamed: "These are the Agwa who are coming" (this is the name they give to their greatest enemies), "fasten your doors;" so that the Fathers coming to cabins in order to enter them, according to the rule and custom of the country, found there generally only closed doors; for they were looked upon as sorcerers who carried death and misfortune everywhere. And if [72] any received them, it was more often through fear that a refusal might be resented than for the hope they had of great gain,—God utilizing all things to maintain his servants.

Besides, it is inconceivable into what terrors the reports of our Hurons had put the minds of these poor Barbarians,—already by nature extremely suspicious, particularly of strangers; and above all of us, of whom they have never heard anything but evil; all the reports and calumnies forged by our Hurons in preceding years, have, since that time, filled their ears and their minds. The very sight of our Fathers, clothed and arrayed in a fashion so different from their own, their gait, their gestures, and all their manners, seemed like convincing proof and confirmation of what they had been told. Breviaries, inkstands, and writings were considered by them as instruments of magic; if the Fathers began