

they were able to harmonize the Dictionary and the Syntax of the Huron language with those of these Tribes, and accomplish a work which of itself would deserve that one make a stay of several years in the country,—as our Savages take much more pleasure in those who speak their own language than in those who only attempt it, and whom they consider for that reason as strangers.

On the other hand, we ourselves only rarely received news of them,—the Hurons, to whom they intrusted letters, losing them on the journey, or casting them away through [81] malice or through fear; we were anxious about what was taking place. This made us resolve to send some people who should accompany them on their return, for which service our Christians of la Conception willingly offered themselves, notwithstanding all the reports which were current of what was happening. Two of these, accompanied by two of our domestics, made the journey; and it pleased God to return them to us after eight days of travel and fatigue in the forest, the very day of St. Joseph, the Patron saint of the country, and they even came early enough to say Mass, which they had not been able to say since their departure.

During all these gusts and tempests, the Fathers had not failed to provide for the salvation of the little children, the old men, and the sick, whom they could approach and whom they found fitted therefor. In all the eighteen villages which they visited, there was found only one, to wit, that of Khioetou, sur-named saint Michel, which had given them the hearing that their Embassy merited. Some years ago, through fear of their enemies, there took refuge in