

of the cold, and God wished to keep them away from the heat of the flames. They came back to have some pleasure in hunting with the Savages down here; and they themselves were fortunately caught, and taken in traps which set them at liberty. They were brought down to saint Joseph, near Kebec, where Father de Brebeuf was. There was no longer any color for sending them away, for the cold would have killed them on the road. They were received with open arms, having their credentials signed by Charity, and by the goodness of the great God. The Father took charge of them with his usual kindness, and with much greater success than was expected.

As soon as these two good Savages were removed from the noise and tumult of their [79] dances, as the objects of their sight and hearing changed, the affections of their hearts changed also. It is said that pure love requires a pure heart,—that is to say, a heart empty and unoccupied. It is almost the same with Faith. At the very moment that a mind detaches itself from its errors, Faith takes possession of it, and shows it delightful truths. When our two Hurons—who had listened to the doctrine of Jesus Christ in their own country only to loathe it and mock at it—saw Savages, made like themselves, detesting their former superstitions and leading an entirely new life, they were touched,—they approved and honored this pious novelty, and became desirous, even eager, to learn it. They considered the truths of Christianity at leisure. They caused the prayers to be repeated to them over and over again. Finally, they appealed directly to God; they spoke to him, and he answered them; they asked, and he granted their request. In short, Faith entered first