

French for the favors, the benefits, and the assistance bestowed on them during the winter. "But," said they, "the greatest and most signal favor that you could have conferred on us, is that you have accorded us holy Baptism and have given us two honorable names which we will love and cherish even to the grave. Our hearts cannot contain the joy that we feel at being delivered from Hell. We no longer see any accidents or death to be dreaded. We live in the hope of possessing such great blessings after this life. Next year," said they, "you will receive information of our conduct; and you will know that we shall have lived according to the promise that we made at our Baptism."

I pray God to bless these holy resolutions. "These good people," says the Father, "have behaved very well throughout [82] the winter. They have not stolen from any one." It is a miracle that a Huron should not be a thief. They have cheerfully engaged in various kinds of work, and have been diverted by hunting. They have shown themselves very grateful for the kind reception given them. They voluntarily and very strictly abstained from meat from the time of their Baptism, which was in Lent, until Easter. In spite of the ready opportunities that arose for breaking this abstinence, they fasted on the days assigned to them for this purpose. They were greatly addicted to prayer, and very eager to listen to sermons and instructions concerning their salvation. They Confessed their sins and received Communion at Easter, for the first time. Monsieur the Governor had them placed beside him at the holy Table to show them how highly he esteemed that adorable food, and that Mystery so replete with love.