

Behold the reasons which induced these two good Neophytes to embrace our belief. In the first place, the attractions and the kind reception of Monsieur the Chevalier de Montmagny, heightened by some presents given in good season, won their hearts, and inspired them with esteem for a man whom they saw so greatly honored by our [83] French. Moreover, when they considered that all his acts were performed with a view to eternity, and that he loved only those who did the same, this led them to think that Faith must be something grand, since so great a Captain respected it with so much love, honoring those who preach and who receive it.

In the second place, the actions of the new Christians of St. Joseph delighted them. They contemplated men of the same stamp and of the same stock as themselves, content with one wife only, trampling on their old superstitions, committing no violence, living like lambs, addicted to prayer, and become charitable. They saw some of them baptized, from time to time, with solemnity; and marriages were sometimes publicly celebrated in the Chapel, in their presence. All this struck their eyes and greatly touched their hearts.

In the third place, the piety of our French,—and especially that of the Ursuline mothers and of the Hospital Nuns, which they could never have understood had they not seen it with their own eyes, and felt its effects in their own persons,—gave them a high opinion of our Religion. It is, indeed, a venturesome undertaking for tender and delicate women [84] to brave the dangers of the Ocean in order to carry the Cross of Jesus Christ to this extremity of the world. Their courage shows that the God for love