

of whom a life of ease is abandoned for one of hardships, is a great God. A little Huron girl who was at the Seminary of the Ursuline mothers, and was very zealous for the salvation of her nation, produced a great impression on them.

I have always believed that the zeal of a Governor, the kindness of the French, the piety of the new Christians, and the Charity of the Nuns, would serve as a leaven to cause the rising of a great mass. The fame of these novel traits is spreading throughout all the nations of these countries, and these virtues will bear fruit some day in places far beyond Kebec. If our great rivers were free, the most distant tribes would come here to contemplate these marvels; and, as it is, not a Savage arrives here who is not anxious to see the Virgin sisters. The explanation of our Lord's command to love one another, even when belonging to different countries, often caused our two Hurons to exclaim: "Oh, how beautiful that is! How pleasant are such truths!" They admired them all the more that all these peoples have scarcely any love for any nation but their own. [85] They highly respect one another but have a very great contempt for all strangers.

Two truths, in particular, greatly impressed these two new Christians when they were still but Catechumens. One was that without Faith and obedience to God's commandments, they must make up their minds to burn eternally in a furnace of real fire,—that which we see with our eyes being only the image thereof. "Forever," they would say, "to burn forever! If we cannot hold the tip of the finger in a little fire,—that is but an imitation, without strength, vigor, or duration, in comparison with