

and so grand a truth, have a great effect on a heart recently enlightened by the Faith. On the 6th of May, these [87] two new children of Jesus Christ left the residence of St. Joseph, to return to the Hurons. When the Christians of this newly-founded village saw them about to depart, they paid them this tribute of their friendship. They caused the Smoked flesh of a great Elk to be brought, and another large package of meat. Then one of the chief men addressed them, immediately after the prayers that are publicly recited in the Chapel and said: "My brothers, we have much pleasure in now seeing you children of God. There is nothing that we value more highly than Baptism and prayer. To give you a sure pledge of the love that we bear you, and of the satisfaction that we feel in seeing you our brothers through the waters of Baptism, here is an Elk which we present to you, together with the morsels that we consider most delicious in our feasts. It will be a slight assistance amid the fatigues of the long journey that you are about to take. Moreover, we are convinced that you will be firm and constant in the Faith; we expect that from your courage. But our wishes go still further. We hope that, through your agency, all your village will enjoy the same [88] blessing that you have found here among us, so that we may have but one heart and one mouth."

To this harangue—which was more eloquent in the Algonquin tongue than I can render it in French—Paul Atondo replied still more eloquently, in his own language: "A thousand thanks, my brothers, for your gifts. They speak; they publish your kindness. They will not be dumb in our own country;