

among the Hurons had at first given the Jesuits a favorable opening for their labors; but the dreaded Iroquois have added another scourge to this wretched land. They come by stealth at all seasons and at all hours, and there is no safety outside the palisades of the villages. The Hurons attempt to resist, but most of their expeditions end only in disaster. Even when going down to Three Rivers to trade, they are in constant dread of these fierce enemies, who continually infest the Ottawa and St. Lawrence, and who are now superior to all other savages by reason of the firearms they procure from the Dutch.

With all these obstacles to their work, the missionaries are nevertheless consoled by the growing piety and devotion manifested in the little Huron church. This is ascribed to the working of the Holy Ghost upon these savage hearts, to the merits of pious souls in France, and lastly to the prudent conduct of Montmagny, to whom "We and the Guardian Angels of this Country are greatly indebted." This wise ruler, following savage customs, makes numerous and well-chosen gifts to the Hurons who go down to trade, "in token that the Truths we preach to them are firmly established." The desired effect is produced upon their minds, and the missionaries find their audiences notably increased, in all the villages.

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