

The Mothers, discovering this man's deception, tried to console her, but she could not believe them; Father de Brebeuf was compelled to assure her that a trick had been played upon her.

No Huron came to Kebec without this young girl preaching to him, and frequently with good effect. Here is an authentic instance of it. A Father of our Society, writing from the country of the Hurons to the Mother who taught [119] this little Huron, says: "I hope that God will bless your little Terese; your examples will serve her, for life, more than all that can be said to her. Some Hurons of the Village of Saint Joseph, who went down last year to Kebec, have returned so satisfied with some conversations that they had with her, that they did not know which they should most admire,—a little Huron girl who preached to them about God; a Paradise and a Hell; or the holy virgins who had taught her, and turned her thoughts towards Heaven. Thus they spoke to me of her, last Winter." And, in another letter, he says: "Two of our Neophytes have returned here, so edified by the virtue and holiness which they observed there, and especially in your House, that it gives us the greatest pleasure to hear them speak on the subject and, above all, on the praises of Terese. 'She is,' they say, 'so steadfast, so well taught, so beloved, so fervent in the Faith, that on seeing her, one would not take her for a Huron. She will be the greatest mind among the Hurons when she shall return. She who taught her is doubtless one of the greatest minds of France.' In a [120] word, what they have seen when among the Christians of Kebec makes them condemn the folly of the Hurons, and bless God for having enlightened