

son, aged about four years, to be Baptized. Father Joseph Poncet made him a Christian, and the sieur de Maison-neufve and Mademoiselle Mance named him Joseph on behalf of the Gentlemen [131] and Ladies of Nostre Dame de Mont-real. This is the first fruit that this Island has borne for Paradise; it will not be the last. *Crescat in mille millia.*

On the fifteenth of August was celebrated the first Festival of this Holy Isle, the day of the glorious and triumphant Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. The fine tabernacle sent out by the Gentlemen was placed upon the Altar of a Chapel which, as yet, is built only of bark, but which is none the less valuable. The good Souls who were there received communion. The names of those who are carrying out God's designs in New France, were laid upon the Altar. All endeavored to banish ingratitude from their hearts, and to unite with those pious Souls who are joined to us by chains more precious than gold and diamonds. The *Te Deum* was sung in thanksgiving to God for granting us the grace of seeing the first day of honor and of glory,—in a word, the first great Festival of Our Lady of Mont-real. The thunder of the cannons caused the whole Island to reëcho, and the Demons, although accustomed to thunderbolts, were frightened by a voice which spoke of the love that we [132] bear to the great Mistress. I have no doubt that the tutelary Angels of the Savages and of these countries must have marked down that day in the annals of Paradise. After the instruction given to the Savages, there was a fine Procession after Vespers, in which those good people took part,—quite astonished at seeing so pious a ceremony, at which we did not omit to pray to God for the King,