

follow. But the custom of the Country requires that he who gives this information should send a present of some value, to vouch for the truth of his words.

In accordance with this custom, which is followed among these Peoples, Monsieur the Governor considered that the presents that had been made in the past to the Hurons [10] who came down to Trade, were given solely on account of the alliance that we sought with them; and he judged, last Summer, that the presents which he would give them would have a better effect if they were given as a token that the Truths which we preach to them are most certain. Indeed, never have gifts been of such advantage to the Faith; for,—in addition to the fact that, when the Canoes returned, the whole Country, on learning what had happened down there, conceived the idea that the matters that we come to announce to them are received throughout the World as well-established Truths (which some frequently doubted, because, they said, the first Frenchmen whom they had known had said nothing to them about God),—we have derived from them this further benefit, that never have we had larger Audiences in all the Villages and Cabins where we have gone to teach these Peoples.