

rest as last year. I gave notice, on the Sunday before, of the Indulgences, but rather coldly,—because I was not quite certain about these Indulgences, and because those for the feast of the Conception were near; at the vigil, the vow of the Conception was renewed.

On the eve of the Conception, at noon, a Cannon was fired at the fort, with balls; at evening, we held a benediction,—the litany of the virgin, with the *Alma*. On the Day itself, at Daybreak, another Cannon was fired; and in the evening, at vespers, we said the litany, after the *benedicamus Domino*.

The octave of St. François Xavier having fallen on the 2nd Sunday in Advent, nothing but the commemorations were made at the Sunday office.

This month we received news of the death of a wretched Apostate at three rivers, named Abdon, or la grenouille, [“the frog”].

On the Day of the Conception, a soldier named de Champigny, a native of Fontainebleau, abjured his heresy before high mass.

This same soldier, understanding music and being able to sing the treble part, we began on the Day of St. Thomas to sing in four voices.

We rang on Christmas eve, at 11 o'clock; we recited the air, *Mortels*, and then the litany of the name of Jesus; a Gun was fired at midnight, and immediately we began the *Te deum*, and then mass. I said two masses, as last year,—one high, and one low; father Vimont afterward said two, and the 3rd at Dawn, at the hospital. Between 6 and 7

The Conception.

Death of Abdon.

*Abjuration of the
Sieur de Champigny.*

Music in 4 voices.

Christmas.