

abroad this year on all our Missions,—and among others, the conversion and Baptism of more than six hundred Savages,— what can we desire further? And have we not cause to adore the Wisdom and power of God, who knows how to draw life out of death, and, from the reprobation of some, the salvation and the perfection of his Elect?

The letters, then, received from the Hurons, inform us that the fidelity and fervor of their Christians are greater than ever; that they have baptized there more than five hundred persons; that they have reëstablished or newly established several missions. They say, in short, that the work which they have commenced is beginning to increase, and that the sound of the Gospel resounds continually more and more, and makes itself heard by the more distant Nations. I hope that, sooner or later, we shall see the details thereof. Meanwhile, I find myself in considerable difficulty. They ask me with so much urgency for six of our Fathers, that I cannot refuse them; and, on the other hand, [5] I have much trouble in bringing myself to risk so much all at once. To risk nothing is to lose everything, and one cannot risk with more assurance of profit; the courage and good disposition of those who have come from France these last two years, and who hitherto have not been able to go up, give great weight to the resolution of sending rather more than fewer of them. I pray God that he arrange everything for the best.

On another side, no opportunity has been allowed to escape, down here, to serve the Master who employs us; this is what your Reverence will be able to see more especially in this Relation. It will, I