

fearing the hidden ambushes of the Iroquois; since perhaps, at the very height of our fears, the enemies do not think of us."

The infidel girl was so touched by this answer that, from that time, this thought could not leave her mind, that at least it might well be the case that there was in [51] Hell a fire prepared for the infidels; and that, in such case, she would be eternally wretched. Finally, at the end of two months, she comes to find one of our Fathers, in order to ask him for Baptism. "Thou art a corrupt girl," he said to her. "I desire to be so no longer," she answered; "the fire of Hell has confounded me. Before coming to thee, I wished to prove myself; and I set myself to practice what I will have to do as a Christian. I know not whence can come this change, but I have found myself quite different in what gave me the most apprehension for my weakness. Why can I not continue all my life what I have practiced for two months? When a young man now accosts me, I tell him that I have a desire to be a Christian, and that he must expect nothing from me. If that serves me for defense, Baptism will increase my strength." To be brief, this new penitent having continued five or six months in her endeavors, with an extraordinary fervor, one could not put her off longer in so just a request: she received, with Baptism, the name of Magdelaine.

[52] A young Huron, greatly fearing God, who for several years has maintained himself in the Christian faith with an innocence altogether delightful, was solicited by his relatives to marry. Being asked whether he was acquainted with a certain girl whom there was talk of giving him for wife, "I look at none