

words with more than usual attention. Nothing less is concerned [48] than the preservation of your entire land, and the destruction of all your enemies." As the Father found them all, at these words, well disposed to listen to him attentively, he told them about the war that Monsieur de Tracy was undertaking against the Iroquois,—how, by means of the King's arms, he was about to compel them to assume a respectful demeanor, and was going to make commerce safe between us and the Algonquin peoples, cleansing all the highways from those River pirates, and forcing them to observe a general peace or see themselves totally destroyed. And here the Father took occasion to expatiate upon the piety of his Majesty, who wished God to be acknowledged throughout all his domains, and who received into his allegiance no peoples who did not submit to the creator of all the universe. He next explained to them [49] the chief articles of our faith, and spoke to them earnestly concerning all the mysteries of our Religion. In short, he preached JESUS CHRIST to all those nations.

It is assuredly a very great consolation to a poor Missionary, after a journey of five hundred leagues amid weariness, dangers, famines, and hardships of all sorts, to find himself listened to by so many different peoples, while he proclaims the Gospel and gives out to them the words of salvation, whereof they have never heard mention.

Those are seeds that remain for a time in the ground, and do not at once bear fruit. One must go and gather it in the cabins, in the forests, and [50] on the Lakes; and that is what the Father did, being present everywhere,—in their cabins, at their