

have hitherto lived in rare innocence. In fact, they are governed by Father Jacques Frémin whom I may safely call one of our ablest and most saintly missionaries. I recently caused to be read aloud in the refectory a relation that he sent me, regarding the virtues of those Savages. It brought tears to the eyes of most of our fathers, so touching is the piety of these new Christians.

The other Church is that of the Hurons near Quebec, under the direction of Father Chaumonot, who is a perfect missionary. We are finishing the construction of a Church for these good Hurons, under the name of Notre Dame de Lorette. It is exactly the same as that in Italy, and will become a place of great devotion in the country; in fact, the people already come to it on pilgrimages from all parts, and they are delighted to see the holy chimney, the window through which the angel entered, the Virgin's cupboards, and all that is to be seen in the holy house of Our Lady of Loretto in Italy.

Such, in a few words, is what relates to the state of our Missions; apparently, to be occupied in these is to become a saint, so apostolic are their occupations, and so extraordinary also the favors that God grants to laborers so courageous. The life that they lead is outwardly most wretched. Imagine what it is to be always with barbarians, whose numberless fits of anger one must endure; to be shut up, most of the time, in cabins where one's eyes are blinded by smoke; to be exposed to a thousand dangers, either from the waters, or from the barbarity or drunkenness of the Savages; to live on nothing, as it were, and toil without cessation. Yet, notwithstanding all this, the greatest displeasure that I could cause any