

la prairie. That greatly rejoiced the french, who began to apply themselves in good earnest to the trade; and—availing themselves of the ill will of monsieur the count de frontenak, whose feelings had altered during the past year—by stealth they introduced drink at la prairie. One especially, bolder than the others, located a tavern in the village itself. But the adroitness and the firmness of character of father fremin, together with his zeal, checked the progress of this wretched traffic, and saved his flock from the waves of the red sea which were likely to swallow it up. It was on this occasion that the captains showed what they were by combating the vice of drunkenness,—which they had abandoned in their own country to those who made of it their God.

This monster, being felled, was followed by another. In this great number of Savages, there were three different nations, very numerous—agniers, hurons, and onontagues; and we regarded it as necessary to give to each one its own chief. They then assembled for that purpose, but dissension arose in one faction. The hurons were long in consultation; the agniers and the onnontagues had immediately made their choice. Finally the hurons, being piqued in the contest, separated themselves, and went to start a new mission beyond the river. This separation was painful, and did not fail to keep their minds at variance for some time; but finally, their finding everywhere the same faith and the same gospel, and especially the union which prevails among all the missionaries in canada, for a second time thwarted the efforts of the demon.

God himself afflicted this mission by taking from it its support in the person of Catherine Gandeac-