

and their conduct therein is praised by all. The gifts made by these Indians to the new chapel are enumerated.

But little of the record for 1685 remains to us, the final sheets of the MS. having been lost or destroyed. The palisade about the village is now completed, and the Christian Indians, as scouts, render great services to the French.

CLVII. François de Crépieu, the veteran missionary to the Montagnais, writes (April 7, 1686) a series of "Remarks" upon that mission, embodying the results of his long service therein.

Those of the Montagnais who retained more than one wife have, as a rule, perished "in the woods, without the Sacraments;" this has caused other transgressors to amend their ways. A similar fate has befallen most of those who neglected confession. One of these is said to have been carried away by the devil. Those unfortunates were generally men; "most of these Women died in a very Christian manner." Crépieu describes the zeal of the Christian Indian families in attending church services, and the peace and charity that prevail among them. He mentions the leading characteristics of these people, and defends them from accusations made against their temperate habits.

Some of his observations are both interesting and practical—for instance: "The less one employs the *coureurs de Bois*, the better it is for the Mission, and for The Trade." "The less one lends to the Savages, the better." "One must not be discouraged at the start, or condemn the customs of some poor Savages; they can be won in Time, and with patience." "Unless he [the missionary] has