

from the main door, and fell upon two oaks, which it stripped. A man who was about to enter the chapel saw all the stones that were on the ground roll about him, but he received no hurt.

Whatever confidence was felt in the good result of the Reverend Father fremin's journey—who was expected from day to day—even the firmest persons nevertheless doubted. The father had not yet arrived by the middle of october; but at that time a letter came from quebek, written by the hand of father fremin himself, which dissipated the rest of the storms which had harassed us in time past. The news came opportunely, because the fathers were accused of hiding their opinions, which injured their preaching in the minds of the savages. These savages were indeed given to understand that the french did not resemble them, and were not so base as they, who derive their strength only from lying; and that the black gowns, who had no interest in telling them lies,—against which they inveigh and preach every day,—were not deceivers. This greatly increased the confidence which the christian Savages have in the fathers who teach them. Solemn thanksgivings were rendered for this happy return, and the joy was all the greater because of the success which God gave to the novenas and the devotions which the savages had offered this year. It was now more evident that they no longer thought of anything but enjoying the glorious labors of father fremin, who brought from france various furnishings suitable for adorning the chapel. These contributed not a little to the savages' devotion, which is especially great at two seasons in the year, christmas and easter. The childhood and the passion of our Lord are the attractions which God employs to draw them.