

came out this year, and who is an excellent missionary,—we have been obliged to send him to the St. François mission. So much for the missions in the vicinity of the towns.

The distant missions cannot receive as much aid from us, in the way of provisions and other necessities, as those of which I have just spoken, which are near the towns; consequently, the poor missionaries who labor there are compelled to accustom themselves to eat the same food and to lodge in the same manner as their savages,—and they are better pleased to do this than if they were splendidly lodged and fed, like the great ones of the world. But God also fills them with such consolation that, far from finding their labors tedious, they perform them with inexplicable pleasure, which is one of the graces of their vocation.

We have 3 missions of this kind in Acadia,—nearly 100 leagues from here, in the neighborhood of the English,—in 3 Abnauquis villages; these are distant about 15 or 20 leagues from one another, and are under the charge of 3 of our fathers: Father Rale, Father Lachasse, and Father Loyar.⁴² They are careful to visit one another and to assemble from time to time—for the purpose both of confessing one another, and of conferring together respecting doubts that may arise in their minds, and the means that must be adopted for their own spiritual advancement and for the guidance of their flocks. We have one among the Outaouats at michilimakinac, where are two of our fathers,—Father Joseph Marest and Father chardon,—and a coadjutor Brother, named Haram.⁴³ It is at a distance of over 200 leagues from here. There are also 3 large villages