

and that he then having the Marquette journal and map in his hands, strongly favored the idea that Mr. Williams had fallen into a delusion on that point also. Mr. Williams was careful never to produce the documents he pretended to have, either before or after Dr. Shea's publication, to correct or dispute his work. Dr. Shea adds: "When, at a later day, he claimed to be Louis XVII, I put it down as simply another freak of an evidently insane man."

Rev. Dr. Lothrop, in his MS. letter, states, that such were the discrepancies between Williams' two narratives made to him, and that made to Mr. Hanson, with reference to the Prince de Joinville interview, and other matters, could not have been made by a perfectly clear and sound mind; and hence came to the conclusion that the only satisfactory solution of the matter was that Mr. Williams was a monomaniac upon this dauphinship subject, and his mother, as already shown, declared that her son had brooded over the dauphinship matter, after it had been suggested to him by the French officers, till it made him crazy.

It might, perhaps, be charitable, as Dr. Shea, Dr. Lothrop, and Mrs. Williams suggest, to attribute all of Eleazer Williams' vagaries, deceptions, and tergiversations to insanity; but not a few would feel disposed to conclude that there was too much method in his schemes to warrant such an explanation.

Mr. Williams' Christian name, Eleazer, is somewhat significant. We learn from his memoir of his father, Thomas Williams, written in 1852, and published with an introduction by Dr. F. B. Hough in 1859, that the mother of Eunice Williams, the captive, was a daughter of Rev. Eleazer Mather, of Northampton; and, doubtless, in honor of this progenitor no less than nine of his descendants in the Williams' connection alone, as shown by Dr. Stephen W. Williams' *Genealogy and History of the Williams Family*, bore the name of Eleazer; and our dauphin hero makes the tenth. It is very suggestive that this name was given him to recognize and perpetuate that of his ancestor, who is said to have been "a man of talents and exalted piety."

Had he really been young Louis XVIIth, domiciled among the Indians at the age of ten, it is not at all probable that the humble