

done at Night. The Young men often dance in the daytime, and strike at the posts; it is in this dance that they recount Their exploits; on such occasions they also dance the scout dance.¹ They are always well-adorned when they do this. All this Is very interesting to see. They often engage in hunts of this sort in order to get tobacco. When this nation goes hunting, which is in autumn, they carry their *apauquois* with them, in order to make their cabins every evening. All the People go—men, women, and children; and they pass the winter in the woods and return in spring.

The hurons also live in the Same direction from the French fort, perhaps an eighth of a league; they are an exceedingly industrious nation. They hardly dance at all, and work continually raising a very large amount of indian corn, peas, beans, and sometimes French wheat. They build Their cabins all of bark and make them very substantial, High and rounded like arbors, and very long. Their fort Is well enclosed with a double row of palisades, and bastions, well strengthened everywhere, and has good gates. They are the Nation most loyal to the French, and are the best hunters that we have. In Their Cabins they have a sort of chamber in which they sleep, and which is closed. Their *misiraques* are very neat. They are the bravest of all the Nations and have a great deal of intelligence. They are very clever. Many of them wear jerkins and cloaks. The men Are always hunting, Summer and winter, and the women work. When they go hunting in autumn, a great many always remain in their fort to guard it. These are old women, and all Winter those who remain gather wood in great quantity. Their soil is very good; indian corn grows from ten to twelve feet high; and their fields are kept very neat,

¹ Charlevoix describes these dances in his *Journal historique*, pp. 296, 297. The first of these he calls the "calumet dance;" each warrior strikes the post with his hatchet, and relates his warlike deeds. Of the scout dance, Charlevoix says: "It is a lifelike representation of all that is done in a Hostile Expedition; and, since, as I have already stated, the Savages usually aim mainly to take their enemies by surprise, it is doubtless for that reason that they have given to this exercise the name of *Scouting*."—Ed.