

ing the mysteries of the faith. Poor Brebeuf had neither the leisure nor the paper to say all he wished. He tells us that the Huron Country which was situated in the county of Simcoe, near the Severn River, could be easily traversed in three or four days, that its soil produced much good Indian corn, that there were some twenty towns and about 30,000 souls, that the language was not difficult to master, that it was very complete and regular and spoken by about a dozen other nations, the Tobacco Nation, the Neuters, Iroquois, Susquehannas and Cats.

Brebeuf was glad to find that the Hurons had only one wife each and that marriage was not permitted among relatives. However, he admits, the men made frequent changes of their wives and the women of their husbands. He deemed them lascivious, although in some leading points less so than many Christians who will blush some day in their presence "for there was no kissing or immodest caressing among them." They were gluttons, but often fasted two or three days at a time. They were lazy liars, thieves, pertinacious beggars and by some deemed vindictive. On the other hand our holy priest saw some rather noble moral virtues shining among them; there was a great love and union among them, they were extremely hospitable, wonderfully patient in poverty, famine and sickness, and met death without the slightest falter or change of countenance.

Father Perrault, of the Mission of Cape Breton, in his report describes the situation, climate, resources and natives of that island; he praises the honesty, docility and modesty of the people. The *Relation* ends with "various sentiments and opinions of the Fathers who are in New France, taken from their last letters in 1635," a collection of religious experiences, observations and opinions concerning their holy work, the qualifications of a missionary (affability, humility, patience and a generous charity), and a solemn vow taken by them to God, the Holy Virgin and her glorious spouse St. Joseph, to secure by the goodness of Our Lord, the conversion of the people, through the meditation of his Holy Mother and her Holy Spouse.

The latter half of vol. VIII and the whole of vol. IX are taken up with Le Jenne's part of the *Relation* of 1636; vol. X will consist of Brebeuf's contribution to that narrative. As usual the worthy Superior dilates at length concerning the baptisms