

enough strength. The first Sacrament of grace was conferred upon him, and almost at the same time he passed into glory.

We shall see examples even more remarkable than this I am about to describe, showing that the goodness of God must not be despaired of, notwithstanding the barbarism of the Savages. One of our Fathers approaching a young sick girl to persuade her to Baptism, this poor creature perceiving him, said, "Go away from here; I do not wish to see thee." The Father, pretending not to hear her, said, "My daughter, I would like very much to know where thy greatest pain is, to bring thee some remedy for it." The patient, incited by the evil spirit, turned angrily to the other side; her sister, who was taking care of her, seeing this, said to the Father, "Dost thou not hear her tell thee to go away,—that thou art turning her brain?" The two Fathers who were there, recognizing the temptation of the devil, had recourse to God, and the demon fled. "My daughter," said one of these Fathers, "we wish to give thee good counsel, and thou despisest it; how now, shall we go away without thy speaking to us?" At these words she turned her face and exclaimed, "Ah, my Father, I am dying! I can do no more, it is a question of my life!" "No, my daughter, you will not entirely perish," the Father said to her, "if you believe in God, for your soul will enjoy eternal pleasure." "I believe," replied she, [19] "I believe, I am sorry to have offended him." She was questioned upon the principal articles of our belief; as she had attended the Catechism, she answered very well. She was asked if she truly desired to receive Holy Baptism; she answered not by words, but by actions; for, al-