

theless, so great a desire to draw near to him, that I [100] cannot express it." He made use of this comparison: "If a man were kept for a long time in a strange country, far from his relatives and friends; and if, after having been cruelly tormented, he found means of escaping and returning to his native land,—with what delight would he betake himself thither, what sweet pleasure would he not enjoy at the sight of his kindred and friends? Such was the condition of my soul; it seemed to me that it emerged from a harsh captivity, and that it was running with all its might after him whom it was going to receive; and, notwithstanding all its ardor, it seemed to it that it was still being urged from within to approach him. When it had received him, it became contented and satisfied, like a person who has nothing more to wish for." *Regi sæculorum immortalī soli Deo honor et gloria, amen.* May the God of Gods be forever blessed. I did not expect to see, during the rest of my days, so powerful effects of his grace in the heart of a barbarian. All the trouble that has been taken, all the expenses that have been incurred for the salvation of the Savages, are more than sufficiently repaid by the conversion of this one man. Let us pass on.

Since his Baptism, he has led a [101] life conformable to these graces; of this, here are some proofs. The Algonquins of the Island, who are his fellow-countrymen, having come down in great numbers to the three Rivers, he began to instruct them with so much zeal, that his people looked upon him with suspicion,—so much, that some suspected him of allying himself with us to make them die. They spied out all his actions, and watched where he went, approaching him only with fear, as if he were a Necro-