

recovered her speech. In short, having purified her heart, God restored her to health; she now behaves like a person who believes in God, and has the will to obey him.

The son-in-law of our Neophyte had much more inclination to the Faith than had this woman. This good man, returning from the woods to confess, was asked by the Father whom he addressed if he did not pray to God in his cabin. "No," said he, "I do not pray to him, because I do not yet know what I must say to him." "But dost thou not think of him sometimes?" replied the Father. "Ah, Nikanis," he answered, "I am thinking of him all the time, and I am quite sorry that I do not know what ought to be said to him. In whatever place I may go, I am always thinking that he sees me; I hope always in him. My heart always desires to speak to him, but it does not know what it ought to say." The Father was greatly consoled at seeing that this good man was offering prayers without knowing it.

[115] The last person in the Family of our Neophyte to be baptized was his wife, who is good and simple, allowing herself to be easily led to the right. May it please our Lord to bestow his holy benediction upon her, upon her husband, and upon all those of her cabin or home.

Some of the Savages have tried to persuade this worthy Captain to take a second wife, which he seemed almost obliged to do, according to the laws or customs of his Nation; the woman herself solicited him, and this happened twice, in regard to two women whom they wished to give him at different times. But he answered in these words: "You come too late; I have given my word to God, I cannot