

who hates me," he replied, "and that one brings me into disrepute with the others. He is vexed because I wish to go to Heaven,—seeing plainly that he will go to hell unless he gives up his wives, which he will never do; he says that he wishes to be baptized, but if you will not baptize him with two wives, he will not be baptized for a long time. Now, as he sees that I am going to be baptized before he is, although you began to instruct him before you did me, he is envious of me because I shall go first to Paradise." His answer made us smile. This is not the reason, however, why he is less liked; that arises from the fact, that, being of a free and bold disposition, he seems proud. Now the Savages cannot endure in the least those who seem desirous of assuming superiority over the others; they place all virtue in a certain gentleness or apathy, recognizing scarcely any sin more enormous than anger.

Finally this good man, after having knocked at the door for a long time, was admitted to the Sacrament of Baptism; he was given the name Estienne. On emerging from this Sacred bath, he said to us, "It seems to me that I am [129] different from what I was,—that I have another life in me; I am in earnest in intending to obey God." We gave him to understand that it was fitting for him to make known his good resolutions to his Countrymen. "I have already done so," he replied; "I have proclaimed everywhere that I mean to give up my bad habits, and that I had been taught that the waters of Baptism would be of no avail if I did not live according to the Law of God and of his Church. But I will tell them this again, since you desire it; I will make a feast, and will declare boldly that I am a child of