

*est apud Deum.* Faith reveals the truths of Heaven and of earth.

There are superstitions in old France as well as in the new. A French woman being sick here, another woman told her that she would recover if she would hang a bunch of keys around her neck; there [148] is something that comes from your France, here is something from ours.

Some sick Savages, wishing to ascertain whence proceeded their diseases, put some well-dried bones of a Beaver under a blanket; then one of the crowd, crawling under, set fire to these bones with some glowing coals; meanwhile, his comrades sang and howled after their fashion. At last, when these bones were reduced to ashes, the one who had concealed himself came out, raised the blanket, threw the ashes and the fire to the wind, crying out that they should be on the watch to see whence came the sickness. The Father who saw this act of superstition performed asked repeatedly how one could find out through this nonsense whence came their sickness, but they would not teach him this secret.

The same Father, seeing some Algonquins busily engaged in striking upon their cabins with sticks, asked them what they were doing. They replied that they were trying to drive away the soul of a dead woman which was prowling around there. It is said that there are some so simple as to stretch nets around their cabins, so that the souls of those who pass away at the houses [149] of their neighbors may be caught therein, if they wish to enter their dwellings. Others burn some ill-smelling thing to turn away the souls by this odor,—they even put something with a bad odor upon their heads, so that the souls may