

the solicitation of their relatives, and all these marriages, not being according to God, are broken off as easily as they were heedlessly contracted.

We have confirmed some in their marriages since their Baptism. These, we hope, will remain firm and constant. I once heard a woman instructing her husband upon Confession. I was comforted at seeing the candor of [57] these good Neophytes. "Be very careful," she said, "not to hide any of thy sins; seek for them in thy conscience, and tell them all to God; it is to him that thou speakest,—the Father is there but to take his place, because God does not make himself seen on earth. But, above all, be very sorry for having offended him; for, if thou hast no sorrow for thy sins, nothing will come of it."

Here is a matter which has afforded me much consolation. The Hiroquois having made their appearance near the three Rivers, the Savages were gathered from all sides. Having met together, they made several war feasts, at which they must sing, dance, and yell,—all this through superstition, to obtain advantage over their enemies. As they dance, one after another, they give each a signal, selecting him whom they wish to have dance after them. It happened that one of these dancers gave the bouquet or signal to François Xavier, one of our new Christians, who refused it, renouncing these superstitious dances. It was tendered to Ignace Amiskwape, who did the same. It was presented to some other Christians who all imitated the courage of these brave Athletes, deriding the follies of [58] their Countrymen who placed their hopes in these ridiculous actions.

On another occasion, one of our Fathers having been informed that a great Feast of meat was being