

don their abode [36] and go to dwell with them in some other place. It was an underhand thrust of the Enemy of God and man, who used the eloquent speech of a wretched one-eyed man, who sees only half of the earth, and nothing at all of the beauty of heaven. Our Neophytes, having heard this discourse, came to give us an account of it. It was not difficult to make them see the malice of Satan, and the instability of those who invited them; that is why one of them, in a council they held concerning this matter, said these words to them: "If I did not believe in God, I might follow you, but the step is taken,—I have responded to God, and told him that I would obey him; and thus I cannot leave the place where we are taught his will." Another added: "You say that you will remain firm in the place that you shall choose; but I warn you that faith alone will give you steadfastness. I know you well; neither your head nor your feet will have any check until you believe in God."

These Algonquins having returned to the three Rivers, sent to invite the Savages [37] of Saint Joseph to go with them to war: he who brought the word, used these terms: "Here is a Masterly stroke for the prayers and the faith that you have chosen; the Algonquins of the Island and of the petite Nation say that, if you will accompany them to the war, they will all be baptized on their return, and they will adopt the prayers." Jean Baptiste Etinechkwat responded in the name of all: "Your argument is not properly stated,—you have inverted your words: you say, 'Let us go to the war, and then we will be baptized;' reverse your language, and say: 'Let us be baptized, and then let us all go together