

All three have several times passed the night, or little short of it, in being told and retold the *Pater, Ave*, and the *Credo* in their own language, so that they could recite [57] their rosary. They had deep feeling at their baptism; I was amazed at the courage of one of them, for before he was a Christian he had great fears that his wife would leave him. When he was baptized, he not only lost this fear, but—seeing that she did not urge her own baptism quite strongly enough, in his opinion—he told her plainly, that if she did not hasten to believe in God, he would banish her from his side, and would marry a Christian. These three families are for the present regenerated in the Blood of the Lamb; the wife of Charles is the only one who is now being instructed, although rather slowly; she is a rough and wild creature, who gives a great deal of trouble to the poor man. He came to us one day quite distressed. “You have told me that those who do evil are very often incited to it by Demons; alas!” said he, “then I am always with some Demon, for my wife is always angry; I fear that the Demons she keeps in my cabin are perverting the good that I received in holy Baptism.” And thereupon, folding his arms over his heart, “I [58] assure you,” said he, “that I earnestly believe in God and I wish to obey him; and, since I have learned that sin drove God from our hearts, when another does evil in my presence, I fear that may bring loss to my soul.”

Another time his wife aimed a knife at his thigh, and he, evading the blow, had only his robe injured, in which this Megera made a great slash. Thereupon he came to us; meeting some Savages on the way, he began to laugh. “See,” said he, “the