

ty-sixth of June. The news was carried to this good Catechumen, and he was told that the great Captain of the French had interceded for his baptism; he was enraptured,—joy wholly possessed his heart. The ceremony took place in the Church of saint Joseph, to which the Savages go; there was, at the time, a goodly number of them. Each one ran in haste, to see a Savage from three hundred leagues away come to offer himself for baptism in a Church of the new Christians. These good Neophytes took supreme delight in this pleasing spectacle, and as a mark of their joy they made the air resound with their Spiritual Songs,—so that this good Catechumen exclaimed: “If you should sing these *Airs* in my country, you would captivate the hearts of all my Countrymen.” At length, Reverend Father Vimont began the holy ceremonies, and Father de Brebeuf questioned him upon his belief and upon his desires; as he is a man of judgment, he was not confused, but responded sedately and firmly to all questions, avowing distinctly that he wished to live and die a Christian, in the observance of the will [76] and of the Commandments of God and of his Church. Monsieur de Montmagny named him Charles, making him bear his own name; he was called in his own language Sondatsaa, of the Village Ososane. As soon as the sacred waters had touched his body, and purified his soul, his godfather caressed him, and said to him: “I rejoice to see you now in the number of God’s children; inasmuch as you are freed from the bonds of the Demons, fight valiantly, and keep the word that you have given to God. Baptism has given you arms and strength against your unseen enemies,—use them courageously; and since the