

people that make war upon you desire to destroy you, I will arm you against them." Thereupon he presented him with a handsome arquebus, which astonished this good Neophyte, for these arms are wholly new to them. "Go," said he to him, "exhort your Countrymen to embrace the faith which you have received; and assure them, for me, that I will protect them if they put themselves within the pale of the Church." This speech being finished, the Captain of our Christians of Saint Joseph stood up, and, [77] addressing this new Christian, said to him:

"My brother, all the Savages whom thou seest around thee here are Christians; we have all forsaken our old customs, we have thrown off the follies and the superstitions of our Nation. Thou canst not imagine the joy of our hearts in seeing that thou hast adopted our belief, and hast chosen this little Church in which to be made our brother. Yes, thou art so now,—we have henceforth but one Father, who is God, and but one common Mother, which is the Church; behold, then, thy brothers who declare to thee, that thy friends are their friends, and that thy enemies are their enemies. And, since our Captain has made thee the gift of a firearm, thy brothers present thee by my hands with powder, that thou mayst use it in thy needs, on thy return."

To these harangues the good Charles Sondatsaa responded: "*Onontio, great Mountain*" (it is thus that the Hurons and the Hiroquois call Monsieur our Governor, because his name is de Montmagny), "the name you have given me is a rich present,—it is an obligation [78] that is peculiar to me, and which I shall feel all my life. This gun which you have added will make a great talk in our country,—it will