

show the regard that you have for believers; this affair is important, your power will touch many, and your present will never be forgotten." Then turning around to the Savages: "My brothers, if your heart has joy in seeing me made a child of God, mine ought to have more, seeing you all in possession of this happiness. You have preceded me, I wish to follow and imitate you; if you desire to go to heaven, I have the same desire; if you make profession of keeping the Commandments of God, that is what I have to-day publicly promised and vowed; I hope I shall never belie my word. We have nothing so precious as our porcelain collars; if I were to see a score of them glittering before me, to entice me into sin, I would turn away my eyes, and my heart would have loathing for that in which it has so much delighted. In our Villages, we value highly certain garments and certain robes, which are in favor among [79] us; if what we call beauty should present me with one of these robes, to corrupt me, I would say to her: 'If the God whom I adore wishes me to use these garments, he will cause me to find them by other ways: sin is banished from my heart, it must never reënter there.' And if with the same allurements one offered me a barrel of powder, and plenty of firearms, to destroy our enemies, I would reply: 'He who has purified my soul does not wish that I should sully it anew; he has surely other ways of protecting me; I would prefer losing life to offending him.' These, my brothers, are the resolutions that I take in my baptism. Moreover, my whole family is already baptized, my children and my nephews are Christians,—there remains but my wife. Not only will she follow my example, but, as I am of some impor-