

tance in my own country, I hope that others also will be seized with the desire of imitating me,—especially when I shall have related to them the honor that the great Captain of the French pays to Believers, and when I shall tell them of the conversion of peoples who are like us.”

[80] After these harangues they made a feast; each one taking part in this joy blessed God for seeing with his own eyes transformations so strange. The world may say what it will of them, but I believe that some Savages express themselves better in their own language than I do in ours; and their thoughts of God are sometimes so tender that the heart enjoys them more than pen can express. The thing to be regretted is, that it is only those who hear them, who know most fully these wonders of the great God.

Some time after, this good Neophyte, speaking familiarly to Father de Brebeuf, said to him: “If my wife put off, ever so little, her baptism, I shall cast at her the same reproach that I expected from her; I shall sting her even to the quick. I confess that she is wiser and more correct than I; long ago I had proofs of her fidelity to me; but since I desire to see her as soon as possible in the happiness which I have encountered, if she do not urge her baptism, I shall say to her that the sight of the young men blinds her, and hinders her from seeing the beauty of the law of God; [81] I do not believe that I shall come to that, for she is more inclined to the right than I.”

Hardly was he baptized when he began the practice of Christian living, and the frequent receiving of the Sacraments; he confessed three times before