

and die in the observance of the Commandments of God, will recall me to my duty; and you, my Father," said this good Neophyte, "if you ever see me wavering in the least, put me in mind of this promise made to God, and you [83] as I hope, shall soon see me with my former firmness."

He said that three things had deeply affected him at Kebec, first, the prompt obedience and the great respect that was paid to Monsieur our Governor. This splendor and this attention do not exist among the Savages; it is in vain that the Captains command,—the Subjects are not for that more obedient, unless they choose to be.

Secondly, the piety and the charity of the Nuns charmed him. In fact, one of the most powerful motives we have, in manifesting our esteem for God and for the acts which are pleasing to him, is to show how young Maidens, tender and delicate, have forsaken their parents, and their friends, and their country so mild and pleasant, to come into a barren and rugged land, through the hope of an eternal life, and in order to please him who is to give it to them. This makes them believe that the other life must really exist; since, without expecting any other recompense, these good Sisters nurse their sick, give them remedies and food, with wonderful neatness and love, and instruct their [84] children with the affection of true Mothers. The Savages not unfrequently ask us, if these daughters of Captains,—for it is thus they sometimes call them,—have still their fathers and mothers; and, when some of them are pointed out whose parents are yet living, they marvel how these could have resolved upon leaving them. Thereupon they are made to see that Grace has more power