

play his part. This, in my judgment, ought to be called by its true name, a renewal of homage and of recognition that the evil spirit now and then draws from these poor Tribes, as from slaves to his power.

Now this poor man is wholly charmed at finding himself in his present condition. He is often imagining that he is like a prisoner of war in these quarters, escaped from the hands of his enemies, while his companions, bound with chains, are on the eve of suffering horrible torments; these are his own thoughts. He broke away, at once, from all the superstitions of his country; at all the feasts to which he has been invited since his baptism, he has courageously kept the liberty that we ask for our Christians on such occasions; and, wherever he has been, he has openly made profession of what he is. He wished that the will of the deceased should be carried out, concerning the little Therese, his niece,— [24] that she should be taken to Quebec and put into the hands of the Ursuline Mothers,—saying that he was resolved upon anything that God should order concerning her; in a word, he gives us complete satisfaction.

This good man, until now, was not of much importance among those of his Tribe; but since he has become a Christian he has been looked upon in a very different light by the Captains themselves, and by the most influential men of his village, who have wished to employ him in public affairs. Now, one day, when he had engaged to render us a certain service (it was to make a journey to the Neutral Nation, and to attend on their return the Fathers who were there on Missions), having found that they wished to employ him at the same time in public business,