

against an enemy who pounces like a bird on its prey, who wars like a robber, and who attacks like a brave man.

We did not fail to communicate the news of what had happened, to the Savages assembled at the three Rivers. The spoils of the enemy were exhibited to them, and they were informed that the object of the King and of his Eminence in erecting those fortifications was merely to defend those who receive our holy Faith; that those great Captains obeyed God, and that they honored prayer; that they required nothing from the country of the Savages; that the sole and only idea that they had in giving them this help was to make them acknowledge and adore the God of Heaven and of earth. A Captain addressed us, and said: "This time you are really our friends, since you have defeated our enemies. Hitherto I almost believed that you had some secret intelligence with [181] the Hiroquois; but the blood that your arms have drawn from their veins condemns my words." On the following day, this man, who was formerly very wicked and a very great enemy of the Faith, came to us and said: "I am going to seek the Captain of the Island. If my ears have been closed until now, they will hereafter be opened. My mouth has more wickedness than my heart had. In the depth of my soul, I found that what you taught was good, but I could not submit myself to it. Now I really wish to embrace prayer."

The other Algonquins who have come down to the three Rivers have promised wonders. If they keep their word, Heaven will rejoice, for it is interested in the conversion of a sinner.

Finally, this place, where fear dwelt, will now be