

of him in his own country. On the other hand, these good Neophytes were very doubtful whether they could stay the anger and fury of their countrymen which would be vented on these victims of death, and decided that it would be better to kill them at once than to earn renown as valiant men at the expense of the diabolical cruelty that the prisoners would be made to suffer. They, therefore, rushed on their prey, killed those whom they met, and, finding themselves masters of their bodies and of their baggage, fell on their knees and thanked God for the victory. They then removed the spoils and scalps of their vanquished foes, and returned in triumph to saint Joseph, visiting the house of God before entering their own Cabins. This confounded the infidels, who had taunted them in their own noisy demonstrations,—saying that, unless the others imitated their yells, [18] they could never attain their prowess.

A Christian observed, in the following manner, abstinence from meat on the days appointed by the Church. When he caught any fish during the week, he dried it and kept it for those days. If his fishing was not successful, he bought bread from the French, and took no other food but that, with a little water. When he was hunting in the woods and had nothing but meat, he endured hunger as long as he could; and when he was compelled to eat to keep himself alive, he would kneel down and say to God: "Thou who hast made all things, pardon me if I offend thee. I have no desire to do so, for thou knowest that it is against my will, and through necessity that I eat meat; thou dost not wish me to die, consequently I must eat. I will therefore do so in