

and who, moreover, was of a very arrogant and overbearing disposition. His sorrow lasted until night, and prevented him from sleeping soundly. Whenever he awoke, he prayed to God to manifest his will to him,—being prepared to take back his wife, or to send her away, as God might be pleased to order. He fell asleep, greatly impressed with that idea; and, in a dream, he saw a band of Frenchmen, with two Fathers of our Society, who said to him: “Leave that woman; she will not be reasonable.” Thereupon he awoke [34] and adhered to his resolution never to see her again, having a supreme aversion for her. However, as he saw that some were far from being edified at this, he said to his Father director: “If you order me to sit down once more beside her who has so often scoffed at God, and who has so long treated me as her lackey, I will give up my ideas to follow yours. I do not value either my dreams or my inclinations. I might go astray if I followed my own thoughts and my affections; I shall walk in safety, so long as I allow myself to be led by him whom God has given me for my guide.” The Father was astonished at seeing such courage and such firmness in the soul of a man whose gentleness is not in keeping with the ill humor of a jeering and scornful woman. I pray that God may change her temper. She is now receiving instruction quite willingly,—admitting that, in reality, she had scoffed at the prayers because she had a horror of them; but that her mind has changed, and that she has adopted other sentiments. The good Neophyte has returned to her on condition that he will leave her forever, if she is not firm in the Faith.

[35] A little girl answered the questions of the