

thirty years of age, formerly appeared to be [49] a great banterer, and consequently very averse to the faith; for the spirit of God is not in accord with a haughty and buffoonish mind. Baptism has completely Changed him. He owes his happiness to his brother, Charles Meiachkawat, a truly Christian man, a Preacher of JESUS CHRIST. Ever since his Baptism, he has so persistently urged his brother that he has made him abandon his errors to embrace the truth. Observe how he exhorted him shortly before his Baptism: "My brother, I no longer speak to you of our old customs; you have given up all those idle fancies. There is but one thing that is your tyrant, and that is gambling; it is your passion and your evil spirit. You must give it up entirely if you wish to be a good Christian; at least, you must restrain excess therein, so that gaming may never master you. Take that resolution now, before putting your foot in the Church to be made a child of God. Resolve firmly to leave the game. As soon as you perceive that your heart wishes to be wicked, do not allow it to be excited by play. Abandon everything; it is better to lose all than to offend God." It is our custom, [50] before pouring the Sacred waters of Baptism on the Catechumens, to make them utter some acts of contrition and of love. When Charles saw his brother on the point of doing so, he called out: "My brother, repeat from the depths of your soul what my lips shall now utter: 'Yes, O my God! you see my heart. I believe in your Holy Word; it is in earnest that I intend to obey you,—my resolution is taken. How could I lie, when you see everything? Forget my sins; have mercy on me. I wish to offend you no more.