

increase my faith. Even if you should make me the most miserable being in the world, I would always hope in you." Let us pass on to some others, in more detail.

Joseph Taondechoren, who has recently escaped from the Iroquois, would furnish me with enough matter for an entire Relation, had I leisure to consider here what happened to him personally, and the graces that God gave him throughout the time of his captivity. But, as I am too much pressed for time, I will content myself with showing here in how holy a manner God had prepared him, before his departure from the Huron country, for the misfortunes that have since happened to him, and the condition in which we saw him on his return. This brave Christian, before leaving us to go down to Kebec, on the same day that he embarked, delivered a harangue to all the Christians present which deserves to find place here. "My brothers," he said to them, "here I am, about to depart; and perhaps we shall never have the consolation of seeing one another again here on earth. This makes me feel a desire to speak to you, as if I saw myself [49] about to die, with the truest sentiments of my heart. Whatever misfortune may befall us, let us remember that we are Christians; that the object of our hopes is in Heaven; that earth contains nothing worthy of us, and nothing capable of satisfying a soul that has given itself to God. Eternity will give us every leisure to experience that truth. It is sufficient, for the present, that Faith teaches it to us, even if the sentiments that God gives us were not proofs of it. My brothers, let us never lose that grace that you and I have received in the sacred waters of Baptism. It is the