

reserve this pleasure for me in Heaven, be blessed forever. I die as willingly on these rocks as in the country of the Hurons, since, wherever I may die, you alone dispose of my life." These words, added to his unfortunate condition, finally touched his Infidel comrades, after their minds had recovered from the fright which [53] terror of the enemy had caused them. They took care of him, and in the end, after many hardships, they landed here at our House. Then the good Christian could not restrain his joy, and his gratitude for the favors of God manifested itself to us at his very approach. His very first words to us were, "The God whom you preach to us, and in whom I believe, alone is all-powerful and all-good. He has guided and protected me for a year through a thousand dangers of my life; and, if he has chosen that my body should suffer, it was only to make my soul feel that there are pleasures even in the midst of suffering, and that nothing is terrible to whomsoever hopes in him."

But the discourses that he addressed to the Infidels surpass what could be expected from a savage, were it not true that the holy Ghost makes even the tongues of children eloquent. "My brothers," he said to them, "if you feel joy at seeing me delivered from the cruelties of the Iroquois, I am sorry to see you still in the captivity of the devils; and even I do not yet consider myself entirely at liberty [54] as long as I am in this world, where sin can make me a more miserable captive than I was. The sufferings that I endured were altogether horrible; what will be those of an eternal fire? But I fear that many of you are scoffing at me in your hearts, and think me too simple, because I fear a fire that I have