

he neither wishes nor hardly is able to speak of anything else.

[72] His wife, his brothers, his children, all manifest the same spirit. God is their subject of conversation; Paradise is their hope, and sin their only fear; finally, if earth's gifts fail them, those of Heaven flow abundantly. Even a little girl, barely three years old, participates in these graces. This child has so imbibed piety with her mother's milk that she answers the Catechism in public, knows her prayers, and takes pleasure in unloosening her lisping tongue by speaking of God and of the beauties of Paradise, because, as she hears almost nothing but such discourses, she could hardly love anything else.

Father Charles Garnier and Father Simon le Moyne have had charge of this Mission. The number of Christians in it has increased in a marked degree. Among those who have received Holy Baptism, were three Captains who are persons of consideration. The first is named Thomas Sondakwa. Some years ago he had already a desire to become a Christian; he never felt anything but love for us, and for the things of the Faith, and has always lived in a [73] state of moral innocence and of goodness that made him loved by all. But as he saw that there was ill will against the Christians, and, moreover, as his office compelled him to uphold the superstitions of his country, which constitute the greater portion of their Councils, his courage was not strong enough to choose altogether what he only partly desired. After the death of a friend of his, who was a Christian, and of whom I have spoken in one of the earlier Chapters, God touched his heart more