

deeply. He commenced to receive instruction, he took pleasure in Heavenly things, and resolved publicly to embrace the Faith. Thereupon the Devil frightens him in dreams. Sometimes he sees before his eyes a Captain, who had been one of his old friends, who comes back from the other world, and reproaches him with his want of affection in seeking thus to separate himself forever from all those who had such affection for him. On another occasion, he sees one whose face he does not know, who puts in his mouth a morsel that is to make him very fortunate; and indeed, on awakening, he finds something on his tongue that he cannot recognize, and that an Infidel Huron would have considered as [74] a sign of good fortune, and would have preserved as a gift from some familiar Demon. For it is thus that the demons manifest themselves in these countries, under assumed shapes,—sometimes an owl's claw, sometimes the skin of a hideous serpent, or similar things, that bring with them good luck in fishing and hunting, in trading and gambling. Some of them are even used as philters to attract love.

Our Catechumen was already too far advanced in the sentiments of the Faith to be frightened by such threats, or to yield to the Devil's promises. He renounces all such hellish intercourse; he has recourse to God; and after his Baptism all these phantoms disappear. He at once makes a public profession of Faith, refuses to attend the Councils when anything forbidden by the laws of God is to be discussed, and wishes the entire country to know that he prefers the duty of a Christian to everything else. And the best part of all is, that in all this,—although he has manifested a truly heroic courage,