

[75] by trampling on all human considerations, which prevail here not less than in France,— he nevertheless acts with such loving gentleness that those who are most hostile to the Faith can find nothing to blame in him. For this reason, this virtue of mildness is dear to his heart as the most powerful means of winning the Infidels to Jesus Christ.

“ My brothers,” he often says to the Christians whom he exhorts, “ let us preach to the Infidels by our examples, and let us, above all, be careful not to embitter them. A mind that is offended turns against itself and against God. Truth appears to it only in the midst of a cloud; and it can have no love for virtue, however beautiful it may be, while it looks upon that as hostile to its own sin. Let us win them over to God by love; let us bear with their weakness; let us have compassion on their faults; let us not speak of our mysteries, if you will, provided that we make our lives so lovable by their innocence that the Infidels shall be constrained, in loving us, to love the Faith.”

The second of these Captains is named [76] Mathurin Astiskwa. He is of an altogether different humor from him whom I have just mentioned. He is all ardor, all fire and flame, and as he has an excellent mind, and is naturally eloquent, he cannot restrain his zeal. He must reprove vice; he must make war on sin; he must confound the Infidels; he must scoff at all their demons; he must speak of the greatness of God, of the beauty of the Faith, of the miserable condition in which men would be in this life, if the hope of eternal happiness did not lighten their troubles, did not moderate the inevitable fear of a death that is ever before their eyes, and