

forestalled him, that he might prepare them to listen to what should be told them. "My relatives," he said to them, "you know well that, though I am far from our own country, I still belong to your Tribe. But observe that relationship here below is very short; we shall soon be separated from one another,—let us meet in Heaven. Listen to the Father; I assure you that what he says is true. He will teach you how to be content and happy forever."

This man, who introduces himself only when opportunity presents, while speaking to some young Relatives, said to them: "I love you, because you believe in God; my greatest happiness is to see you constant in the Faith. I committed many follies before I was baptized. Consider not what I was in my youth, but what I have been since my baptism. I have no more than one wife, and I proclaim [20] aloud that I do not desire another. Fall not into the errors that I committed before I acknowledged God. You are my nephews; but my closest relationship is in the Faith. Such a one"—naming him—"although he belongs to a tribe that is hostile to ours, no longer seems a stranger to me; I consider him as a relative, because he believes firmly in God."

A woman accused herself one day of feeling estrangement against her father. He who heard her asked the reason of it, and she replied: "He loves not the Faith; he will not believe in God. It seems to me that some one says to me in my heart, 'That is not thy father; God alone is thy Father.' I have tried to force myself to it, but I cannot love one who does not love God."

It must be admitted that God has his elect everywhere, and that Faith produces powerful effects in