

How can we prevent this disorder?" "You are thinking of it too late," he replies; "you should have opposed the progress of the Faith before it had entered our hearts. Now it will reign there in spite of you; and it will be easier to tear our souls from our bodies than to remove from our minds the fear of Hell-fire, and the desire for the happiness that awaits us in Heaven." At last, to find a way out of this difficulty, which the Elders feared would bring about the dissolution of their village, which is the largest, or at least one of the largest, in the Huron country, the Council decided that it was necessary to divide the office that this Christian Captain [174] so obstinately persisted in resigning; that some one else should thereafter take charge of the matters forbidden by the Faith, who might be called the Devils' Deputy; that the Christian should continue to administer public affairs, and should always be acknowledged as their real Captain. He was begged to accept, inasmuch as, by thus delivering him from the things of which he had a horror, he had nothing more to complain of. "Yes, I can do so now," he replied; "but know once for all that a true Christian considers nothing more precious than the Faith, and that he thinks little of earth when he looks at Heaven."

Such men are, without doubt, powerful supporters of the Faith; but it seems that God intends that we should place our confidence in none other than him. Our Christians on going to war had taken with them two Infidel Captains, who were among the most warlike in the country, and undertook to win them over to our Faith; they instructed them so successfully, during the two months that the campaign lasted,