

to them from Heaven, which fills their minds, and animates their hearts with a courage which is unknown to them. "What!" said they all in company, "where are we? What are we thinking? Since God sides with us, why do we fear our weakness? Let us go to find our Captains and all the infidels; and let them know what we are now, what we wish to be, and what are to be those who after us shall embrace the faith."

In a word, the Holy Ghost possessed them so fully, and the fervor of their resolutions carried them so far into the night, that they passed it almost entirely in animating one another with this zeal which was carrying them forward,—[112] finding no more aught save sweetness, pleasures, and the delights of their hearts in all that which previously appeared to them unendurable. In consequence of that, they present themselves of their own accord, to make a general confession. It was indeed enough for our Fathers to follow the impulses of the Holy Ghost; when God speaks to the heart, it is more profitable that men keep silent.

After their devotions, they rise, all animated; they go to find the principal persons of their nation; and the most prominent of the Christians, named Eustache Alimoueckan, taking the floor for all, uttered his sentiments with so much fervor that it was easy to see that God alone had caused this so speedy change, which had nothing of nature about it.

Another good Christian, named Estienne Mangouch, wishing to render this resolution still more public, made a very solemn feast, to which he called the most notable among the infidels, and those especially who have charge among them of the diabolical