

CHAPTER IV.

OF SOME GOOD ACTIONS AND SOME GOOD SENTIMENTS
OF THE CHRISTIAN SAVAGES.

SOME time ago, a Savage of the upper nations, who was baptized when in danger of death, received from the hand of God both the life of the body and the life of the soul, almost at the same time. But having wandered from the place where he was to have been instructed more thoroughly and more at leisure, he forgot his duty to such an extent that, when he came to see us again, he was in a somewhat bad frame of mind. But the sight of the good Christians touched him, and inspired him with a desire to enter the Church, of which [48] he considered himself most unworthy. A good Christian who saw that he was very pensive, said to him: "Follow me and do what thou shalt see me do. Offer to God the same prayer that I shall offer to him." Thereupon, he knelt at the entrance of the Chapel, which was crowded with people; he kissed the ground several times, and publicly asked pardon from God,—supplicating those who were assembled to unite their prayers to his, in order to obtain the remission of his sins and of those of his comrade. To the latter, when he saw him prostrate on the ground, he addressed these words: "Speak in thy heart, and acknowledge that thou art not worthy to kiss or to walk on the floor of this house. Reproach thyself with this, and say in the depths of thy soul: 'I am a worm, creeping