

I now accomplish, as a symbol of the true resurrection to which we look forward. Therefore, I adopt such a one for my nephew; and he will remind me that my nephew is not dead." Thereupon, he gave a handsome present to the newly-adopted one who replied, most appropriately: "This present, which recalls to me the article of our creed on which the Faith of our resurrection is founded, also reminds me that I am a Christian. I am one, in truth, and I hold with you, and with all who are baptized, that we must not grieve for the death of those who are to live again. Let us therefore rejoice, not in the image of the resurrection that we express by our ceremony, but in the true resurrection to which we look forward." After these harangues, they had to sing, according to their custom. One of the most notable lifted up his voice and chanted one of their [61] songs, of which the following are the words: "He who is to bring me back to life is he who consoles me." That was the whole of his song, consisting of various tunes, to which he always adapted the same words. God grant that they may of themselves change their ancient customs into actions replete with devotion and piety.