

feelings so serene, and such submission to the will of God, that afterward his spirit remained for the space of several days in deep peace and in a lofty realization of the greatness of God.

In the year 1640, when he spent the whole Winter on a Mission to the Neutral Nation, a great cross appeared to him, which came from the direction of the Iroquois Nations. He mentioned it to the Father who accompanied him; the latter asking him for some further details of this apparition, he answered him only this, that this cross was so great that it was adequate to hold not only one person, but all of us who were in these countries.

He had been commanded to write these extraordinary things which occurred within his soul,—at least, those which he could most easily remember; for they were too frequent, and care for the salvation of his neighbor hardly gave him any leisure to write from time to time. Here are the last two items which I have found [62] in his memoirs.

“Many crosses appeared to me, all of which I very gladly embraced. On the following night, while in prayer,—conforming myself to the will of God concerning me, and saying to him, *Fiat voluntas tua, Domine; quid me vis facere?*—I heard a voice which said to me, *Tolle, Lege*. The day having come on, I took in hand the little book of the ‘Imitation of Jesus Christ;’<sup>12</sup> and, without design, I fell upon the chapter, *De regiâ viâ sanctæ crucis*. From that time I felt in my soul a great peace, and repose in occasions of suffering.

“Toward evening, being in prayer before the most blessed Sacrament, I saw in spirit, upon my clothes and upon the clothes of all our Fathers,