

where, having witnessed the piety of the Christians, he was impressed, placed himself under instruction, and, in due course, solicited and obtained Baptism. We retained him for a year, in our house; and as he was reaching manhood, he selected a very good Christian, named [114] Charles Kariskatisitch, for his Father, who received and adopted him as his son, and married him to a young Christian girl. He was naturally quick, vivacious, and daring; and, if the Faith had not been firmly rooted in his soul, he would long ago have left the abode and companionship of Christians,—especially since his relatives exerted all their efforts to induce him to return to his own country, even to sending to him, as ambassador, his own cousin, whom our Neophyte scorned when he saw how little love the latter felt toward the Christian Religion.

A year before his death,—having gone on the war-path with a band of Algonquins, the chief of which was not baptized,—as they drew near to the country of their enemies, their Captain wished to consult the Demon, to ascertain from him what route they should take in order to meet with success in their venture. Our Joseph opposed this, saying that the Law of Jesus Christ did not allow of any communication with wicked spirits; but as he was not the most influential, the Tabernacle was erected; the Sorcerer—or rather, the Juggler—entered it, shook it, and made it tremble after a strange fashion. His invocations he performed in such a manner, [115] that the Demon,—or rather, the charlatan himself,—changing his voice, and addressing the Christian, said to him in a threatening tone: “Whence comes it that thou art not willing that I should be