

consulted? Thou actest the part of the bold, and thou art but an arrogant man." All trembled at that voice. The Christian, quite undismayed, replied: "Thou wishest to put fear into my soul; I fear neither thee, nor thy threats, nor the Iroquois; I fear and honor him who made all things. He is my Master, and thine; thou hast only as much power as he grants thee." "It is I," said the Demon, "who created all things." "Thou art an impostor," replied our Joseph; "show me thy power; I defy thee. Thou wouldst unsettle me; but thou wilt only waste thy trouble." The Demon, abashed, remained silent; our Christian, however, received what seemed like a blow upon his side, which for three days impeded his breathing, every movement causing suffering. This surprised, but did not deject him; for he said in his heart, "It matters not; though I were to die, I will never yield to the Manitou." At length, being earnestly commended to God, the trouble left him, as it had seized him, in an instant.

[116] One of his comrades—perceiving that he did not give way, in spite of his sufferings—reproached him after this manner: "I repent of having undertaken this journey with thee; I would we were again in the cabins whence we came; I would never have left them in thy company, since thou actest not as others, and obeyest not our Captain." "Ha! what then?" asked our Christian; "have we taken the field in order to consult the Demon? Did our relatives and allies tell us at our departure, 'Go, and set up the Tabernacles, and revive the old superstitions that we have abandoned?' Did they not charge us to cut off the arms and legs of our enemies, that we may be able to pray to God and be instructed