

made him take. Wonderful to relate, the man became a lamb, asked to be instructed, received into his mind and heart the influences of our Faith, and made public abjuration of heresy with such fervor that [126] he himself was astonished; and, to crown God's mercies toward him, he received health of body together with that of soul.

After the disease which had broken out among these last troops had ceased, they were sent into their winter quarters until Spring, when they are to march against the Iroquois.

We are led by the foregoing events to hope that the doors of the Gospel are about to be opened to all these poor barbarous Nations; and that, instead of our being obliged, as we have been in the past, to seek a passage through the fires and hatchets of the Iroquois, and to choose the most difficult routes, in order to avoid the most dangerous, we shall go with head erect into those vast regions of the North and of the South. For our great Monarch is about to smooth the [127] roads for us, in order that, while with his victorious arms he converts this land of Barbarism into a French Kingdom, we may strive to make it a Christian Kingdom, which shall extend more than six hundred leagues in all directions. This is a country which shall be no whit inferior, in fertility of soil and mildness of climate, to the mildest and pleasantest portions of Europe; a country in which there are more than twenty different languages, which will be employed in making these vast forests reëcho with the praises of our invincible Monarch, at the same time that they proclaim those of God. "Forever blessed be the God of our great King," these Savage Nations will say, "who delivers