

in pious works and to the poor, they did not fail to do the same on this occasion. But this was done with special solemnity; for all the relatives and the most notable men assembled, as in a general council, to effect this distribution. Those good Savages, touched by the rare examples of virtue given them by the deceased, spoke of God, of paradise, and of matters pertaining to faith, in terms so high, so poetical, and so full of God and of a certain pious unction, that it surpasses all belief. Father Frémin, delighted with what he had just heard, said on coming therefrom that he did not think that there was in the world a meeting of religious whereat matters pertaining to God and to the Faith could be more worthily spoken of.

He who presided presented to the assembly a rich porcelain collar, and delivered a long discourse. Beginning with the things that the deceased had directed him to say to them on his behalf, and holding this fine collar in his hand, he said to them: "Here, my companions, is the voice of our departed brother. Consider it well; listen well to it. He wishes that it may be eternal among you—either as a continual reproach for your perfidy, should you abandon the Faith; or as a precious pledge which he leaves you of the reward that we shall all enjoy with him in paradise, if we obey God's voice and his."

He then took the opportunity to dwell at length upon the praises of the Faith, the happiness of Christians, and the fervor and constancy with which God should be served. He said wonderful things on the subject, especially reminding them of the rare devotion and noble examples of all the virtues given them by him whose voice he bore to them, and who