

grandly, more divinely; it has transformed them from worshippers of idols to worshippers and adorers of the one true God—from a belief in a false and weird cosmogony, and crude mythological fables and traditions, to a firm belief and enduring faith in the wonderful story of the creation, of the birth of man, of the atonement of Jesus Christ and the divine establishment of His Church upon earth; made them children of that fold which acknowledges ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM, and believes in the commandments of Almighty God, and the precepts of His Church. Thus, by an easy transition, it became a strange but devout pleasure to these primitive people, instead of offering sacrifice and libations to the great *Wendigoes* (giants,) to propitiate their favor whenever they engaged in any enterprise of hardship and peril, to invoke the protection of the Blessed Virgin, and ask the assistance of the prayers of the saints; to commend themselves, during their journey through trackless forests, and over rapid rivers, to the guardian care of the angels of God, instead of the elfish *Nee-ba-naw-baigs* (water spirits,) and the evil *Puk-Wedjies* (pigmyes of the woods), to chaunt the plaintive *Miserere* and *De Profundis* as they bear their dead to the fur-lined grave, and implore of the Great