

ted to our Lady, and there in its porch the youth began to lead again the life he had led with holy Cunibert. He had no one living to whom he could apply for instruction, and he never went out except to visit his kind friend who supplied him with food. His thoughts were often on his baptism, and often did he entreat God to send some one to baptize him. In the same way as at Tongres, his reputation soon spread among the people, and the five years spent in this retreat without spiritual direction, save from on high, he employed in praying for the cure of the sick and the maimed brought to receive his help. His holy life aroused the people's faith and enkindled a flame of love within them, which was fed and kept aglow by the numerous miracles wrought by his hands. A nobleman's wife, by a dreadful mishap, having been the occasion of the death of her child, entreated her husband to seek the aid of the young hermit. The nobleman went to the Bishop, imploring him with tears in his eyes to ask Helier's prayers for the restoration of his child. The Bishop, accompanied by a magnificent escort, set out for the church in order to obtain the desired boon from God's servant. Great was Helier's astonishment on beholding the Bishop approaching, and greater still was his amazement on hearing what was wanted. But being accustomed to obey, he went to the church where the child's body lay stretched upon a bier, and thinking that it was now a proper time for Almighty God to