

DETAILS ON THE LIFE AND DEATH OF SOME INDIAN CHRISTIANS.

I HAVE judged it impossible to close this volume better than by making known to those sincerely interested in the triumph of religion, to what a degree of sanctity, grace can, in the very centre of barbarism, elevate the souls that are faithful to it. Only a few are selected, but they will suffice to disabuse readers who are in good faith, but have allowed themselves to be easily prejudiced against these Indian missions; to confound sinners who have not courage to burst the fetters at which they blush, if they have still any religious principle; and to make the true faithful exalt the mercies of the Lord.

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New France has had her apostles and martyrs, and has given the church saints in all conditions, and I do not hesitate to say that they would have done honor to the primitive ages of Christianity. Several I have made known so far as the course of this history permitted me. The lives of some have been published; but God, who exalted his glory during their life-time by the great things which he effected through them; by the lustre which their sanctity has diffused over this vast continent; by the courage which he inspired them to found with untold toil

¹ This life is drawn from that by Father Peter Choleneq, (born July 29, 1640; died at Quebec, Oct. 13, 1723,) in the *Lettres Edifiantes*, vol. xii., (Paris, 1717.) Kip's *Jesuit Missions*, pp. 81-116. The source was a more extended biography, "La Vie de la B. Catharine Tegakouita, dicte à présent la Sainte Sauvagesse,"

still in manuscript, written in 1695, by Father Claude Chauchetière, of the Province of Aquitaine, who came out to the Canada mission in 1677, and died at Quebec Apr. 17, 1709. He also from memory painted her portrait, often since copied, and published in the *Lettres Edifiantes*, and in *La Potherie*.