

quite remarkable cases,—one of which is replete with devotion, another is worthy of a mind which acts through reason, the third is altogether ingenuous. While the Father Superior was instructing three sick people in the cabin of one Ochiotta, this good man often took part in the conversation, and aided them with great fervor to perform the act of contrition; and afterwards, although the epidemic had carried off a great part of his family, the majority of whom had been baptized, he did not act like most of the Savages, who often look upon us with ill will, and are unwilling to hear about baptism as soon as any one of those whom we have baptized dies in their cabin. As for him, he always gave us the best possible welcome, and always showed that he held in high esteem what we taught. But what I mean to tell your Reverence is that his wife received [125] baptism with so much devotion, that tears fell from the eyes of some of those present. After having already given great satisfaction to the father in regard to her instruction, when he began to pour the water upon her head, and to pronounce the Sacramental words, she cried out of her own accord, “Oh my God, how I have offended you, how I have offended you! I am very sorry for it; my God, I will offend you no more.” This good woman died the same night. The Father asked another if she believed firmly all that he taught her; “Yes indeed,” said she, “I believe it, I would not listen to thee if I did not believe.” Another asserted that she was well content to be baptized; “But I pray thee,” said she to the father, “oblige me; do not give me a new name,—it annoys me to change my name.”

On the 10th, the Father Superior made overtures