

well. Behold us now greatly consoled! In fact, we found her so well disposed that, after having instructed her, we baptized her, to the great satisfaction of those present, who listened to us with close attention. After this, we went to see the other one, where we also were greatly comforted, doubtless through the merits of the glorious Patriarch St. Joseph. She was a little quieter, [135] and God provided us with an interpreter, a woman of considerable intelligence, who showed great affection for us. She exhorted the sick woman to listen to us, and made her understand our purpose. When I saw how clearly she explained to her what I meant, I resolved to think of instructing her rather than the patient. But, as we were continuing thus, the sick woman began to speak and said, "It is enough, if only he speaks,—I understand him very well; only let him hasten, in a few words." So I proceeded, and she answered everything very distinctly. We baptized her, and we learned, upon our return, that she had died the same day. Behold without doubt strong indications of a predestined soul.

Towards evening, we arrived at *Ossossané*, where the malady was continuing to make great ravages. We made inquiries as to the condition of some of those whose names had been given us by the Father Superior, among others, about a woman, who died in the night. We were told that she was a little better, which turned us aside from visiting her, as we had to see the more urgent cases. We directed our steps to the house of one *Aonchiare*, who was in truth very ill; we instructed and baptized him. He is still alive and [136] well. It was already very late, but hearing that the Captain *Anenichiendis*, who had been re-