

everything which the faith forbids us. Finally, we could not longer defer; he was solemnly baptized, [98] in company with two others." Some days ago, having myself been at the village of saint Joseph, I examined this story, and found that it was true. This new Christian is called Joseph Teaouché, and is son-in-law to that renegade,—such a good spirit,—of whom we have spoken, a few pages above, in this same chapter.

We have thus applied ourselves to the care of the village of saint Joseph, though we have not omitted the two others belonging to this mission,—saint Michel and St. Ignace, where several children as well as adults have been baptized during the disease, with very special providences of God, in relating which I should be too long. We have also done our utmost to preserve there those few Christians whom we had acquired there in the past; but this is where we have had much trouble,—to such a degree had the disease which beset them, and the bad reports which were current about us, upset their brains.

These two villages have been the first which were solemnly forbidden to us [99] by the Captains and Elders, who took for a pretext that some of their young men had designs on our lives; it was necessary, for some time, to interrupt, but lately we have found the way to resume, the course of our visits, their minds being somewhat pacified.