

May God be blessed for the happy beginnings that he has given to this wretched physician, who has been so well paid in advance; four of those whom he sprinkled died the same night, and another had suddenly died in his hands." Thus far the Father.

There are, it seems, well attested demonstrations of the great power which the demons have acquired over these poor barbarians,— to see that he contrives to be so easily adored as their master, although he so openly deceives them. Be this as it may, Our Lord took pity on this poor Christian; that daughter who had been the occasion of his fall, soon died in the Magician's hands, as well [128] as the others. This death was the life of the father; he forthwith opened his eyes to his misfortune; he acknowledged his fault and came to confess; and since that time he has continued in the observance of the Sacraments. God grant that his wife be not again an Eve to him; for this unhappy woman is not brought down to her duty.

Let us come to the pearl of our Christians,— Joseph Chihouatenhoua. Here is what our Fathers write to me of him.

"Our good Christian behaves himself nobly in the midst of all these tempests,—he speaks more positively and more loudly than ever; he publicly reproves the diabolical superstitions and the folly of his fellow countrymen. We took pleasure in hearing him some days ago; speaking to some Elders and Captains, he said: 'I was called, in these past years, to all your councils, like those which have been held in these last days; I would be astonished not to have been invited to these, were it not that I well know that the Magician has not wished the believers to be present there. I would have gladly