

that the reasons [87] which these good Sisters advanced for having some dwelling place near the Savages, would outweigh those contrary opinions. In fact, if they had been sent away from the Savages, these poor people might never have had themselves carried to the Hospital, but in their last moments; and thus, the Barbarians would have called this House "the House of death," and not "the House of health," or "of Mercy," as some call it. This great Lady, writing upon this subject, speaks in these words: "I am indeed very glad because they have decided that the House of these good Sisters shall be established at Saint Joseph. Without doubt, the fruit thereof will be greater, for it appears to me that conversions which take place in the beginning of sicknesses are more assured than those which take place so near death;" and as the comfort which the poor Savages have therein will doubtless contribute much to their recovery, that is very true.

These good people were so overjoyed when they knew the day the Nuns were to come into their new House, that the chief men among them [88] leaped forthwith into their canoes, to go themselves and bring them. They took our Reverend Father Superior, and some of our other Fathers, in one of their little boats, and these good Sisters in another, and soon brought them to the place where their desires already were. As soon as the Savages who had remained at St. Joseph perceived the canoes, they ran to meet them, expressed the most lively joy, and carried away in an instant all their little baggage; every one was eager to render them some slight service. God knows what were the thoughts and feelings of these good Mothers, when they saw that