

able to follow their tribesmen to the hunt; seven persons have been baptized in our House, and only four of our sick ones have passed away to the other life,—and these, with more than probable signs of their salvation. The Frenchman who left us to enter into eternal rest, had the patience of Job: his complaints were not of the paltry help that we in our poverty gave him, but that he could not perform his usual devotions; and notwithstanding, we observed that he recited every day the Office of Our Lady, and his rosary. I do not in the least doubt that God inspired his coming to this end of the world, in order to lead him to heaven.” This young man honored and loved righteousness from his arrival at Kebec, and never did he belie his profession, after he gave himself wholly to God.

Jean Sakitounegouchit was never [94] cast down, either at death, or in his sickness. The new Christians have an inexpressible strength which animates them, and consoles them in their afflictions. This good Neophyte wishing to avoid temptations to sin among those of his nation, had gone to be for some months with the Fathers of our Society, who are at the three Rivers; he gave proofs of a lively faith and of constancy. At the time they intended to marry him, he fell sick with a sort of pleurisy,—an abscess formed in his side, he was unable to breathe, the fever greatly tormented him; but his troubles never drove him into impatience, or complaints. They often asked him if he were not sad; “Not at all,” replied he. It is a great blessing of God, and a very great mercy, to see a young man in the prime of life go to the tomb with as much joy as he would go to marriage. The Mother Superior speaks thus of him: