

“ He was meekness itself; he never asked for anything, he took with a most ready obedience all that was given him, without asking if it were bitter or sweet. He took very great [95] pleasure in hearing of God, and often he was seen praying with great devotion; he confessed and received communion every week; he was present every day at holy Mass. In brief, it was necessary to restrain him some time before his death, as his fervor augmented his suffering.” When he saw himself without hope of recovering his health, he said he had left some pelts at the three Rivers; he begged the Mothers to see to it that his debts should be paid from these, and that with the surplus they should grant an alms to the poor Savages of his country. He received in great peace the Holy Viaticum and Extreme Unction; in a word, neither in his sickness, nor in his death, did he show any fear,—passing from this life as if he had been assured of going straight to heaven.

“The little Anne Oupitabanoukwe, about 13 or 14 years old, consoled us much in her illness; she had a great desire to be baptized. As soon as she had been instructed in regard to this Sacrament, she showed herself attentive, and her malady, although very distressing, did not hinder her from listening; yet to other conversation [96] she gave almost no attention. Having been regenerated by the Blood of the Son of God, we spoke to her of receiving his sacred Body; this doctrine caused her affection to be redoubled, and, as she had an excellent mind, she was soon capable of receiving this blessed food. Being in an agony she appeared neither to see nor hear; but, as soon as she was spoken to of God, she seemed to recover her senses,—showing