

CHAPTER IV.

OF THE MISSIONS OF ST. JOSEPH TO THE ATTINGUEE-
NONGNAHAK, AND OF ST. JEAN BAPTISTE
TO THE ARENDAERONONS.

THESE two Missions are sufficiently well peopled to give adequate employment to six or eight workers; but the small number that we have among the Hurons not being even ample enough to furnish two Fathers to each Mission, we have found ourselves obliged to unite these two under the care of Father Antoine Daniel and of Father Simon le Moyne. Their labor has been thereby considerably increased, were one to mention only the distance of the villages [34] in which they are to teach, as the paths from one to the other are very often infested by the Iroquois, the enemies of the Hurons; but their joy increases in proportion, since the steps that one takes for the conquest of a single soul are so many steps towards Heaven.

An Iroquois was to be burned in a rather distant village; what a consolation to set out, in the height of Summer heat, in order to deliver this poor victim from the hell which was prepared for him! He was approached and instructed, even while he was groaning under the cruelty of tortures; suddenly faith found a place in his heart,—he recognized and adored, as the author of his life, him whose name he had never heard until the hour of his death. He received the grace of Baptism, and then longed only