

CHAPTER VIII. [i. e., vi.]

OF THE MISSION OF THE ANGELS TO THE ATTIWANDARONS, OR PEOPLES OF THE NEUTRAL NATION.

THIS is one of the new Missions that we have begun this year, to one of the most important Nations in these regions. For a long time, according to the recollection of many persons, we had cast our eyes on this quarter. But many workers in strange languages are not found, or very quickly trained, unless the Holy [47] Ghost engage therein in an extraordinary manner; especially when one is destitute, as we are in these parts, of the aid and assistance of Masters, Dragomans, or Interpreters, who teach them.

Besides, our orders were, not to go to the limits without passing through the centre, or devote ourselves to teaching more distant Nations before laboring among those nearer. As this had been done in preceding years, we found ourselves at the beginning of Autumn ready and able to allot two Workers to this Mission without doing any harm to the former ones.

The lot fell upon Father Jean de Brebeuf, who before had been the first one chosen to introduce and establish us in these regions; and as God had given him for this purpose a special blessing,—namely, in the language,—it seemed that this ought to be to us a presumption of what his divine Majesty demanded