

to his own country, he was killed by the enemy in the arms of his mother.

The Fathers remarked in their account that one of the most special Providences of God, in respect to them, was that one of our domestics, who last year was attacked and marked by smallpox, had been sent to bring them back: for the Barbarians of these regions, when they saw him, were disabused of the belief they had received, and which [84] they held,—that we were undying demons, and masters of maladies, of which we disposed at our good pleasure. Since so slight a thing was enough to begin the opening of their eyes, in time they may indeed be entirely disabused, and become thereby more fit for the enlightenment and the visitations of heaven. However, we see well that it is God alone who has protected us in this strange nation, since even among the Hurons, who are our allies, our lives have often been attempted. Here is an incident that happened not long ago.

Shortly after Father Joseph Marie Chaumonot returned from the Neutral Nation, he was given as companion to Father Antoine Daniel, who was beginning the Summer Missions in his district. When they had arrived at saint Michel, a village of the Mission of saint Joseph, a harebrained young fellow, whom the devil had already attempted to use in several other wicked deeds against us, resolved to kill one of these two. He concealed himself near a cabin [85] where the Fathers were making a visit of instruction; when they went out and had turned their backs, he chose his time, and with his left hand seizing the hat of Father Chaumonot, who was walking last, he dealt him a blow on his bare head with