

merchandise of all, which the French give without selling it to us; that the latter come to tell us of an eternal life; of a God who has made all; of a fire that is under the earth, prepared for those who do not honor him; of a place of happiness in Heaven, an immortal abode for our Souls, and for our bodies, which will rise again, freed from suffering. Then I will tell them that [12] herein is my consolation; that they may inflict all their torments on me; that they may by dint of torture tear my soul from my body, but not from my heart this hope that after death I shall be happy. Thus will I preach to them, while they are burning me." After that, he addressed himself to Charles Tsondatsaa: "My brother," he said to him, "if God should permit that I be taken by the enemy, and that thou shouldst escape,—when thou shalt reach our country, go and see my brothers and my relatives on my behalf; thou shalt tell them that if they have any love for me, and still more for themselves, they must embrace the Faith, and adore that divine Majesty which is invisible to our eyes, but which makes itself felt in the very depths of our souls, when we do not refuse to see its light, and when we submit our wills to its commands. Tell them that I am convinced of the truths of our faith, and that we shall be separated from each other forever, if they are not among the followers of God; that he alone is my hope; and that, wherever I may be, I wish to live and to die in him."

[13] On the following day, no sooner had this courageous heart perceived the enemy than he began to pray, and, amid the cries of the combat, his voice was heard above all the others: "Great God, to thee