

fishing.⁸ During the night, while they were sound asleep, about twenty Iroquois fell on them, massacred some, and took the others prisoners; a few, more fortunate, escaped by flight. Our Christian was one of the first to fall under the hatchet of the enemy. He had not foreseen his death, but he could not have prepared himself for it more holily. As he was going to the place, he spoke on the way of nothing but the benefits that Faith brings to a heart which embraces it. He exhorted all his companions to become Christians, "So that," he said, "we shall all go to Heaven in company." During the whole evening and a portion of the night, while he was preparing his hemp, he offered his work to our Lord with such fervor that he could not contain his devotion within himself, and his voice conveyed to the infidels the words that his heart addressed to God. A Captain of his village, who slept near him that night, and who escaped from the massacre, [27] related to us that, when he heard him speak so earnestly of God, he said to him, "My friend, give me thy Faith." The good Christian smiled at him, without answering; but in truth he made him the inheritor of his virtues and of his faith, immediately after his death. Since then, that Captain has taken his name in Baptism, and has behaved in such a manner that we bless God because, by ways far remote from our provisions, he enriches at the same time, and with advantage, both the Church triumphant and the Church militant of the Hurons. We will speak in due time of this newly-converted Captain, named Thomas Sondakwa, one of the leading men of all this country.

A Christian woman, of the village of la Conception, went to visit her nearest relatives at a distance