

Such are the words that he used at the [98] Baptism. But the God of mercy, who never fails the elect, had consideration for his charity, and for the sincere Faith of this poor woman, who had more desire to belong to him entirely at death than she felt regret for life. Her strength returned for a little while. The fervent Neophyte ran five leagues without stopping, to our House, to get one of us. Two of our Fathers hastened thither; they found the woman quite prepared for Heaven, to which her soul soared, shortly after she was baptized.

I think no less highly of Jean Baptiste Aotiokwandoron than of Paul Atondo. It is true that he is not a person of as much importance; that he is less fluent of speech. But I think that his heart is none the less touched, and in his manner of acting we see something, I know not what, that seems more vivified by the Holy Ghost. At all events, these two good Neophytes and a number of other Christians, who were already in their village, with several Catechumens, urged us so strongly at the end of the Autumn to make a longer stay [99] with them, to instruct them more at leisure, and not to deprive them of the same consolation that we gave to the villages of la Conception, of St. Joseph, and of St. Jean Baptiste, that we could not resist such holy desires. It was necessary to erect a Chapel and to establish a more permanent Mission than we had hitherto had there.

Father Joseph Marie Chaumonot and Father Francois du Peron have had charge of it; and God gave me the consolation, during about two months of the winter, of seeing the first fervor of that Church.

When the Christians were again united, after their