

to consent to the desire of her parents, who brought her to us, and she was named Louyse. God chose this little creature for himself, and called her, some time after; she is the only one who has died after her Baptism.

The third is a young Montagnais woman, who was found at one of our rivers, so indisposed in her body, and [119] so well disposed for that which concerned the soul, that one dared not deny her the blessing which she desired, and which her husband, who is of our bay, was urgent to obtain for her, with the purpose of receiving it himself as soon as possible.

Another Savage, one of the oldest on our coasts, named Nictouche, had an arm so swollen and filled with ulcers that the French Surgeons of several ships, and the Savages, were despairing of his life,—unless on condition of promptly amputating his arm, for fear lest the gangrene should reach quite to the shoulder. On hearing this, the sick man resolutely said that he would rather die than permit them to cut it off. He asked us for Baptism, and had no sooner received it than he began to improve, to the astonishment of all; he now enjoys perfect health, and has promised to settle near us, so that his whole family may be prepared for receiving Holy Baptism. The Captain of our coasts, who is already sufficiently instructed, together with his family, has promised us to do the same.

I know not whether I am to put in the number of our sedentary Savage families a house, or rather a cabin, of charity, [120] established near us, contrary to our expectation, and when we were least thinking of it. Nevertheless, as it is composed partly of crippled persons, who cannot longer walk, it is bound to be