

the seminary of the Ursuline Mothers. The father of the child heard that she was doing wonders, for her age; and he set out to go and see her. After he had journeyed over a hundred leagues, he was met and killed by the Hiroquois. When the child received the news, she paid the tribute required by nature on such occasions; but when she was told that her father had been baptized since she had seen him, and that he was in Heaven, the news appeared, in a moment, under so different an aspect, that she felt nothing but joy for his salvation. Her relatives, who had escaped from the fight, took her with them; and since that time some savage women have come to see the Ursuline Mothers, and have told them that that child had instructed them, and had taught them to recite the Rosary. God knows with what delight those good maidens tasted the fruits of the young plant that had been cultivated by their hands.

Yesterday, while speaking to a woman who has been ill for a long time at St. Joseph, with [93] a disease that she considered mortal, I asked her whether her pains and her poverty had not caused her much sorrow, and whether the fear of death had not often troubled her soul. She gave no answer as regards poverty, because we had given her some slight assistance; but she said these words to me, in a tone which showed that her lips were in accord with her heart: "I assure thee, my Father, that throughout my illness I have felt no sorrow in my soul; it seemed to me that I was glad to suffer. As for death, so far was I from having any dread of it that, on the contrary, it seemed agreeable to me. I said in my heart: 'I am near the house of prayer, I am near the Fathers who care for my soul; and, if I