

pausing to give you the particulars at great length, I will merely relate to you that, upon his bringing back some prisoners of both sexes, there was found among them an Iroquois woman who could not endure that any one should speak to her concerning our mysteries, and who, with the utmost scorn, turned a deaf ear to everything that the Reverend Father Chaumonot, in his zeal and charity, could say to her. Having fallen ill meanwhile, she was brought to [10] our Hospital, where, by the mercy of our Savior, her feelings underwent such an utter change that, of her own accord, she asked to be instructed, and received all the sacraments in a state of extraordinary peace and sweetness, in which she died. There is still in our Hospital an Iroquois who is being instructed in the catholic faith. We have also a little girl of the same nation, six years of age, who fled from her cabin because of the great bloodshed which she there witnessed. She was taken by one of our habitants, who, upon returning hither, presented her to Monsieur Talon, Intendant for his Majesty in all Canada; and the latter placed her in our charge. This child experiences no savage tendencies, having a very gentle disposition, and a mind of much refinement, well qualified for feelings of devotion. She never fails to be present with us in all our [11] Choir services, where she maintains an admirably modest bearing. I must acknowledge to you that it is a great blessing to us that we have such an able Intendant: he is an excellent man for his charity to the poor, his capacity for business, his gentleness, and his skill in pleasing every one. His prudent management makes us taste, with much content, the fruits of peace and of harmony