

after which he would announce his decision, according to his inspiration from God, concerning his Religion. Accordingly he submitted to that chastisement, and some time afterward asked to be fully instructed. He made his abjuration, and, being one of the sick who were carried to the Hospital, died there with very rare sentiments of devotion—kissing and embracing the Crucifix, [124] and holding very loving intercourse with it, up to the time of his death.

I cannot omit to mention also a very marvelous granting of grace to another Heretic and one of the most obstinate we have seen here. We pleaded with him again and again, and with all possible urgency, striving to touch his heart and make him see his unhappy condition; but always in vain. And not only would he not listen to the holy and charitable urgency which was brought to bear on him, and which he repulsed with indignation; but he even bound himself by fresh protestations to die rather than renounce the Religion professed by all his relatives. Meanwhile, having fallen very grievously ill and having been carried to the Hospital with the [125] others, those good Nuns—who are filled with no less zeal for saving their patients' souls than with loving desire to restore their bodily health—did in their turn everything in their power to win him.

One of them, who had often tried the efficacy of the Relics of the late Father de Brebeuf,—who was burned with great cruelty some years ago by the Iroquois, in the country of the Hurons, when he was engaged in the conversion of those Barbarians,—decided to mix, without his knowledge, a bit of these Relics, reduced to powder, with a drink which she