

“ One of his relatives, who could not endure that he should be a Christian, having purposely become half intoxicated, threw himself upon him; he snatched away the rosary and the crucifix that Assen-dassé wore suspended from his neck, and threatened to kill him if he would not renounce all those things. ‘ Kill me,’ he said, ‘ I shall be happy to die for so good a cause. I feel no regret in giving my life in testimony of my faith.’

“ As he is esteemed in the village, his example has attracted a very considerable number of his countrymen to the Faith. There have been but few Sundays this winter whereon I have not baptized a child or an adult. Were I to relate all that occurs here for the furtherance of Christianity, those who would hear it would have reason to praise God, who is beginning to be glorified among these infidels.

“ For my part, I attribute these conversions to the goodness of the Most Blessed Virgin, a miraculous image of whom, as Our Lady of Foye, has been sent us. I can state that, since we have possessed that precious deposit, the church of Agnié has completely changed its appearance. The older Christians have resumed their former fervor, and the number of new ones increases daily. We displayed this precious statue, with all possible pomp, on the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, while the litanies were chanted in the Iroquois tongue. We uncovered it only on Saturday evening during the chanting of the same litanies; and throughout the whole of Sunday it remained exposed to the eyes of our Christians, who met three times that day for the purpose of reciting the rosary before their good