

All these things were accompanied by an innocent life and an admirable tenderness of conscience; and the Father is certain that he died in his baptismal innocence, which he preserved here during two years. This he did with heroic care and courage, for during all that time the devil waged continual war against him, by furious temptations; but he always remained victorious through God's grace, to which, on his part, he responded with his usual fervor, with a wonderful fear of offending God and a great horror of the slightest sins. To that end, therefore, he confessed himself every week, and sometimes oftener.

As soon as he returned hither from a journey, he went directly to the chapel and confessed himself at once, or at least on the same day. He received communion with sentiments of devotion and fervor, which one must witness, before one can judge to what extent a Savage of the Agnié nation is capable of them; for they have ever been considered the most arrogant, and the most remote from God's kingdom.

But inasmuch as virtue, if it be truly solid, never manifests itself except on occasion, and it might perhaps be said that the fervor of this Mission sustained that of Skandegorhaksen, let us observe him in the midst of the wicked and in the land of iniquity, causing virtue and the faith of Jesus Christ to triumph.

This was in the Iroquois country, whither he had the courage to go expressly to win to God a young man of his acquaintance. To his great regret, he found him plunged in every vice; and this made him groan in his heart,—all the more, because he could