

not apply any remedy. He therefore resolved, for his own part, to make reparation as well as he could, for all his friend's faults. To that end he made himself an apostle in the midst of all these infidels. He chanted in the chapel the prayers that he had learned here. This novelty attracted thither all the people; and he then seized the opportunity to instruct them. He went boldly into the cabins, and preached therein the mysteries of our religion; and he even reprov'd vice everywhere, with astonishing freedom. This will seem almost incredible to those who know the customs of the Savages, among whom the young men never speak in public, especially in the presence of the elders and the captives.

After spending some time in these exercises in the midst of infidelity, he returned hither; and we found that he was ever the same, and had lost nothing of his innocence in that land so full of abominations.

He was already a fruit ripe for heaven; consequently he was taken away from us, some time after his return. For, having gone to hunt at the beginning of winter,—with the intention, however, of interrupting his hunt, to come and celebrate Christmas here,—he was unable to satisfy his devotion; and, as early as the first day of December, 1675, he felt himself attacked by the disease which carried him off on the twenty-second of the month.

As soon as he saw himself in danger, he protested that he did not fear death; and that, on the contrary, he hoped that it would be for him a passage to a blessed eternity; for he ever said to those near him that he was going to enjoy the sight of God in paradise.