

known as Nottawasaga township. Three missions, St. John, St. Mathias and St. Matthew, had been already established there, the largest being St. John, at Etharita. This village had a population of five or

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six hundred families and Father Chabanel was named to supplement the labors of the zealous Charles Garnier. While he was still at Fort Ste. Marie preparing for his departure, numerous and well defined presentiments began to crowd in upon him that God's designs in his regard were on the eve of fulfilment. When bidding farewell to Father Chastellain, his confessor, he remarked to him, "My dear Father, may it be for good and all this time that I give myself to God! May I belong to Him!" These words uttered with emphasis and with a countenance beaming with true sanctity, made such an impression on Chastellain that he was visibly affected, and happening at that hour to meet a third person he could not refrain from exclaiming, "Truly I am deeply moved. Father Chabanel has just now spoken to me with the voice of a victim who is about to be immolated. I know not what may be God's designs, but I see that in this Father, He is fashioning a great saint." And

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Chabanel himself remarked to one of his intimate friends, "I do not know what is going on within me or what God wishes to do with me, but in one respect I feel entirely changed. I am naturally very timid, but now that I am going to a dangerous post, and it seems to me that death is not far off, I no longer