

tisement upon his body with thorns, in order to draw down the mercy of God, and to appease his anger against his people.

[103] He came to inform us of those who were more favorably disposed, and to advise us as to how we should behave towards them. "Alas," he sometimes said to them, "if it were only a matter of giving my life for your salvation, how willingly I would do it!" When he saw that necessity constrained them to leave us, the Ships delaying their arrival too long, he exclaimed with deep feeling: "It seems as if my entrails were being torn out; must so many souls be lost for lack of help? Will the Devil, who did not create them, always be their master?" The Hiroquois, their enemies, coming to make war upon them, he said to the Father who had especially instructed him at the three Rivers, that he must show that those who were baptized were not cowards, that God gave them courage. He confessed, then went to reconnoitre the enemy, approaching so near them that he might have spoken to them. He was never seen to be disturbed, nor seized with fear; he reproached them afterwards, saying that the little confidence they had had in God had ruined them.

The Savages are very liberal to one another; but they make their presents to their relatives or their friends, or to [104] those from whom they expect reciprocal favors. Our Neophyte, when he is successful in hunting or fishing, shares, first of all, with the sick and needy poor.

He had a sister whom he singularly loved. He endeavored to procure Baptism for her; but, before this blessing could reach her, she died, having gone away from the place where she could receive this