

you amuse yourself with your dreams and other superstitions of the country. O unhappy brother," he said to him in another tone, "unless God take pity on thee, thou [63] wilt live in childhood till death. Thou wilt then open thine eyes to thy misfortune; thou wilt repent not having listened and given thy whole heart to the truths which the French come here to teach us; but this repentance will be without a remedy, and the misfortune which will greet thee will render thee miserable forever. My brother, I am assured that thou wouldst make account of my last words, if I were at the point of death; howbeit, this is what I would say to thee. There is but one sole master of all the world; those who serve him will be forever happy; those who offend him and do not obey him will be burned after their death, in Hell; choose one of these two,—either an eternal happiness, or an eternal woe. That is what I would say to thee, if I were on the verge of dying. But finally, thou must know the substance of my thoughts; as long as thou shalt be the devil's slave, I will not regard thee as my brother, but as a stranger, from whom I am to be separated forever; for the little time that we have to live together is not considerable. Those [64] who have taught me are properly my brothers, and I regard as my relatives only those who have renounced the devil, and received holy Baptism. Those are the ones with whom I shall live eternally blessed in Heaven; those are the ones whom I truly call my brothers. If we have not the Faith, we know not what it is to love one another; it is only the Christians who enjoy that pleasure in this life. It was a thing which very sensibly touched me when