

not shun death. Tell that to every one; I tell it to all those who speak to me of my belief, to the end that they may plainly know the value which I attach to the Faith.'

"The purity of his conscience does not allow him to contain for more than one day that which seems to him in the least displeasing to God; he has as great a horror of venial sin, as it would be desirable that all Christians should have for mortal sins. [131] His conversations are only of God, when he happens to be in a place where, without giving occasion for blasphemies, he can speak of our Faith,—and he speaks of it so stoutly that the greatest infidels who hear him at leisure are constrained to avow that they could wish that the whole country were Christian; but not all those who approved what Our Lord said took their stand on his side. He now suffers persecution more than ever; he dare not appear in company that they do not make sport of his goodness, mock his innocence, and accuse him of participating with us in designs for ruining this country. But he is not ashamed of the Gospel; he professes everywhere what he is, and what he would that all the others were,—although, in order not to give occasion to the impious to sin by blaspheming against God, he has deprived himself of all the feasts, the supreme good of the Hurons, 'Because,' he says, 'at the feasts the tools of Satan always find opportunity enough to vomit forth their poison, and to excite one another to offend God; and I have not [132] the leisure and the audience to justify the truth.'

"He allows no transgression in his family without correction, and, in fact, they live there like Chris-