

thee." To the astonishment and the consolation of her parents, the child recovered.

Having heard that a certain man spake ill of him, the thought came to him of paying this person off in his own coin, and of divulging some evil that he had learned of him. Upon reflecting over this idea, he became quite confused, and kneeling down, he asked pardon of God, saying within himself: "If those who are not baptized do evil, those who are must not imitate them:" and thereupon he began to pray for the one who calumniated him. Human nature does not go so far as this; these fruits are gathered only in the garden of grace, in the midst of which is planted the tree of the holy Cross, upon which Jesus Christ prayed for his enemies.

When he was exhorting a sick man, and pointing out to him the blessings of the other life, "Do not think," said he, "that the water of Baptism is poured out to heal thy body: it is to purify thy soul, and to give thee a life which cannot die. Baptism was not instituted for a thing so low as our life; [64] our Father who is in heaven does not place us in the rank of dogs, that he should give us only the life common to the beasts."

Truly, I have heard him say so much about the blessings of faith, and speak in so devout and tender a manner, that I have been greatly astonished; I am vexed with myself, that I have let escape from my memory the good sentiments that God gives him, and many others; but as these good people expose the impulses of their hearts only when opportunities are offered, and as we then have neither pen nor ink to note them down, we let slip away many of the holy affections of these good Neophytes without