

Finally,—since it is true that lying disguises itself in a thousand ways, and that often the more impudence there is, the more it finds entrance into men's minds,—without seeking so far away for forged news, some was made to come from our very house; and this it is which has found most credit, which has most awed the simple, and which has constituted the most powerful rhetoric of the enemies of our faith. It was said that a Huron Christian woman, of those [45] who are buried in our cemetery, had risen again; that she had said that the French were impostors; that her soul, having left the body, had actually been taken to Heaven; that the French had welcomed it there, but in the manner in which an Iroquois captive is received at the entrance to their Villages,—with firebrands and burning torches, with cruelties and torments inconceivable. She had related that all Heaven is nothing but fire, and that there the satisfaction of the French is to burn now some, now others; and that, in order to possess many of these captive souls, which are the object of their pleasures, they cross the seas, and come into these regions as into a land of conquest, just as a Huron exposes himself with joy to the fatigues and all the dangers of war, in the hope of bringing back some captive. It was further said that those who are thus burned in Heaven, as captives of war, are the Huron, Algonquin, and Montagnais Christians, and that those who have not been willing in this world to render themselves slaves of the French, or to receive [46] their laws, go after this life into a place of delights, where everything good abounds, and whence all evil is banished.

This risen woman added, they said, that, after