

for him with love, as we have already remarked herein; they wished to draw from his hands and his lips a passport for entering Heaven, where this good Father, having arrived before them, was procuring near his God the blessing which they have made manifest in the excess of their torments. Before speaking of his last sufferings, let us say a few brief words, in passing, of the graces which preceded the first moment of his eternity. His humility, and the brief sojourn that he made among us in these lower countries, [56] will rob us of a part of his glory and of our consolation; the Fathers who knew him longer and more intimately in the country of the Hurons, are filled with tender appreciation of his virtues; but, as they are not informed of his death, they have not yet discovered the treasure that we shall be able to see in due time. Let us begin, if you please, with his first entrance into the country of his bitter experiences and his delights, of his humiliations and his glory.