

[54] CHAPTER V.

GOOD SENTIMENTS OF SOME CHRISTIANS.

SOME time ago, the principal Christians of our Huron Churches, happening to be together, asked one another whence they felt themselves most powerfully fortified in their faith; and what, in their opinion, was the most efficacious means which God had given them in order to resist temptations, avoid sin, and live truly as Christians. Some said that on leaving the Communion they saw themselves quite different, and felt indeed that Jesus Christ was the master of their hearts, possessed their minds, and rendered them robust. Others said that after Confession they were wholly renewed, and similar to a traveler who, having discharged a very heavy burden, felt his strength come back, and even ran in a road from which previously he could not have extricated himself. But most were agreed, that [55] prayer was their most powerful support; that thence they drew their vigor and their strength; that they felt themselves animated by it with quite another mind; and that it seemed to them that, if they came to lose the use of it, they would soon lose the dread of sin, and consequently, the faith.

However this may be, we see that most of them esteem prayer as the life of their being and the soul of their faith. Their use of it is so frequent and so sacred that they accuse themselves for having undertaken anything without having commended them-