

the world and had received Baptism? My grief would have been more tolerable, and my child would have been sooner in Heaven. But no doubt he preferred that my love should grow with her, so that, when she was taken away from me, it should be a blow that I would feel more keenly. After all," she said, "may his blessed will be done; I desire that it be mine, and submit to it with all my heart."

The sentiment of Joseph Taondechoren, the uncle of this poor afflicted mother, appeared to me no less excellent—when, after the death of two of his little children, he was asked in what state [85] was his heart. He answered that, since he had been a Christian, he had never felt the death of any of his relatives,—though, indeed, he felt their griefs and maladies, for which he could but have compassion; but that, as soon as he had seen them dead, his grief had entirely ceased, in the thought that they were going to be happy in Heaven; that they were getting the start in a journey which he hoped to make himself; and that, in the day of the Resurrection, God would unite them all together, that they might never more see themselves separated.