

while others are rejected. A mother came at that time to relate her daughter's death, which was truly full of consolation. When this child, who was already adolescent, saw herself sick unto death, she said to her poor mother: "How glad I would be to die, if I had a Father near me, to confess me! That is my only regret. But, my mother, listen to my sins; and, when you will see the Father, you shall tell him all that I have done, and my confession will be made through your lips." Thereupon, that young soul repeated all that was in her very innocent heart; and her mother afterward, with eyes bathed in tears, related it to the Father. "I consoled my poor child," she added, "by saying: 'Fear not, my daughter; he who has made all is good; believe firmly in him, and he will have pity on you. Go, my child, and see him; you go before, I follow after you; I shall meet you in Heaven, in the home of the believers.'" Although these persons are very far from our Churches, they are very near to their God, who amply supplies the [139] deficiencies of his ministers, when such remoteness is in the order of his providence.

When the Father found that fear detained a portion of his flock in their own country, he resolved to go and seek them. He embarked with some Savages in a bark Canoe, to enter into great forests by almost inaccessible routes, on a wonderfully rapid river. When about half-way, he met a band who told him that the others had decamped some time before, and that he could not overtake them. He therefore remained with this band, lodging in their cabins. After manifesting great joy at having so fortunately met him, they begged him in the