

what was said about you some months ago.' 'It is true,' she replied, 'that I was not a good girl then, and that I did not know such actions were naughty; but since I have begun to pray, and you have told us that such things were wicked, I have stopped doing them.'

"The first days of the year 1666 were spent in presenting a very acceptable new-year's gift to the little Jesus—consisting of a number of children brought to me by their mothers, through a Divine inspiration altogether extraordinary, to be baptized. Thus, little by little, this Church was growing; and as I saw it already imbued with our mysteries, I deemed the [68] time had come to transfer our little Chapel to the midst of the great Village, which lay three-quarters of a league from our abode, and which embraces forty-five or fifty large cabins of all nations, containing fully two thousand souls.

"It was just at the time of their great revels; and I can say, in general, that I saw in that Babylon a perfect picture of libertinism. I did not fail to carry on there the same pursuits as in our first abode, and with the same success; but the Evil spirit, envying the good there wrought by the grace of God, caused some diabolical Jugglery to be carried on daily, very near our Chapel, for the cure of a sick woman. It was nothing but superstitious dances, hideous masquerades, [69] horrible yells, and apish tricks of a thousand kinds. Yet I did not fail to visit her daily; and, in order to win her with kindness, I made her a present of some raisins. At length,—the sorcerers having declared that her soul had departed, and that they gave up hope,—I went to see her on the morrow, and assured her that this was false; and that I