

new establishment is situated. We had a general communion during the novena, for the same intention. The communion took place on all saints' day, in order to obtain, through the intercession of all the blessed, a general pardon for all the sins that had been committed in the mission for many years during drunken excesses; and to ask God to grant to all the christians of our mission a firm resolution never again to fall into that sin. Our Church was constantly full throughout nearly the whole day of the feast; and I confess that I never felt greater joy than when I saw the fervor displayed by all our savages. Father Gassot and I confessed as many Savages as we could on the vigil of the feast; on the day itself we passed the whole morning until the afternoon in the same occupation,—except during the time while we said our masses, and while Father Gassot was engaged, with Father Aveneau,¹¹ in confessing some french people. I was obliged to postpone some of the communions to the next day, all soul's day, and even then to defer some to the first sunday when we were to have in our Church the indulgence for the souls in purgatory. All the prayers, either voluntary or imposed in the confessions of all saints' day, were said with the intention of obtaining true contrition for all who had formerly fallen into the sin of intemperance. As regards the prayers for the dead on the evening of all saints' day,—although I exhorted them, in two short instructions that I gave them that very evening, in the Church, to pray for all who are in the fires of purgatory,—I caused the principal prayers and the communions on all souls' day, and on the following sunday, to be addressed to God for