

to pray before the picture of the Mother of God, with her little ones, and to entreat them in terms suited to their tender age, never to forget Jesus, our Redeemer, nor Mary, his ever blessed Mother.

At the conclusion of the war, Uchiaï, in consideration of his services, was appointed Grand Commander of the Seas, and his captives were sold and dispersed. What a sad event for poor Angelique ! Her sons were bought by a corsair of Tripoli, her daughter was purchased by a Turkish merchant, and she herself fell to a Spanish renegade named Momi. Who can paint her mental agony on being separated from the dearest objects of her love on earth ?—But the Queen of Angels supported her, and obtained her the necessary graces to sanctify herself on the occasion.—Momi wishing to make her become a Mahometan, and then to espouse her, was at first all kindness and condescension towards her ; but finding her immovable in the faith of Christ, he put her in irons for the space of two years, and often denied her the necessaries of life. Going some time after to reside at Algiers, he continued to treat his poor captive rigorously, except at some intervals. Thus she passed ten years more, when despairing of overcoming her resolution, the tyrant sold her to a neighbouring merchant, then in want of a slave to mind his little daughter, who was two or three years of age.

This man's name was Caito Mahomet; the moment Angelique cast her eyes on him, she had a confused idea of having seen him at some former period : but what were her emotions, when, on being led to his residence, she recognized in the features of his wife, those of her long-lost Anne ? Here, said Caito, addressing the latter, is a slave I

have purchased to take care of our child. I have purposely selected her as being a Christian : for the women of that faith are much better nurses than those of our sect. While he spoke, Anne looked fixedly at Angelique, and recognising her for her dear parent, the moment Caito went out she rushed into her arms. After yielding a few moments to the motions of sensibility, Angelique related to her daughter the wonderful ways which Jesus and his blessed Mother led her thither, and Anne in turn recounted her adventures. She said that Caito, by whom she had been purchased, had her brought up very carefully, but compelled her to marry him at the age of thirteen and profess Mahometanism ; that she was a Christian at heart, and had never forgotten the principles of her faith, nor lost the desire of being again among the followers of Christ, that she might publicly renounce the impious worship of Mahomet, and have her little girl entrusted to Angelique, her only child initiated in the true faith. Angelique consoled her, and inspired her with a firm confidence that the blessed Virgin, their powerful Patroness, would in time procure their deliverance ; they for the present resolved to keep themselves quiet, till a favourable opportunity should offer : and, above all, not to betray their relationship to Caito.

It happened that their house communicated with the prison of the Christian slaves by a window, and thus a prospect of escape, by means of some of these poor captives, often formed the subject of their mutual entertainment. As they were one day occupied with this thought, the Caito entered, and addressing himself to Anne, said, "The Christians are so obstinate in their belief, that nothing can overcome them—