

"If my four limbs are to be cut off, four men will do it at the same time, whilst a fifth will chop off my head: hence I shall not have a great deal to suffer. Be consoled, then; all will be soon over, and I shall await you in Heaven.

"I am, with filial affection and respect, my dear father and mother, your son,

"J. C. CORNAY.

"In cage the 18th of Aug. 1837."

Who must not admire the courage and filial piety of the Martyr, who is thus ingenious in concealing his sufferings? It is an observation which cannot have escaped the notice of any, that the same man who, a short time before, did not cease to speak of his sufferings, should, when subjected to so severe a trial, not utter a single sigh, nor cease to exhibit his accustomed gaiety; the effect of divine grace was clearly visible in him.

Mr. Cornay wrote also a letter of adieu to the Bishop and to all his fellow labourers of the Mission; it was accompanied by another for his Lordship in the form of a letter of indulgence of the Martyrs.* The following is the translation of the original, which is in Latin.

"My Lord,

"Although my recommendation can merit no attention, yet I take the liberty in my character as Confessor of the Faith, whose blood has already flowed, to imitate the ancient Martyrs who granted letters of indulgence to

* From the acts of the Martyrs, and the writings of the Holy Fathers, we learn that this custom prevailed in the early persecutions of the Church.

such as fell. I pray your Lordship then to forget the fault of my servant Kim, and to grant him the grade of Catechist, when he shall have recited the usual books of instruction. I hope that restored to grace, he will, like the prodigal child, cause the past to be forgotten by the exemplary conduct which he will henceforward exhibit. I expect this favour from your goodness."

On the back of this letter was a short exhortation to this same servant, who had deservedly incurred censure, and a proof of the parental affection which Mr. Cornay bore him.

I cite this circumstance, however trifling it may seem, to show his goodness of heart, and that the critical position in which he was placed did not cause him to forget any thing. This recommendation was afterwards attended to.

We anxiously awaited the third and last examination, and the sentence by which it was to be followed.

The following is the account which Mr. Cornay gives of what he endured: "My dear brother, I receive your letter in the midst of the sufferings caused by having been again subjected to the torture. You are determined then to continue writing to me. I write my answer to you, bad as my sight is, by the light of a lamp placed at a distance of ten feet from me. My third examination took place yesterday, the 29th of August. Before I was flogged an attempt was made to force me to trample on the Cross; but I prostrated myself at full length with my face on the cross; I then raised it up, and when I reverently put it to my lips it was snatched from me. So little lenity is there shown me, that three rods were