

26.

O how miserable it is to be without a cross! When we have nothing to suffer we are not conformable to Jesus Christ, although, this conformity is the true mark of our predestination.

27.

In the storms and injuries which calumny excites against us, we ought not to seek to justify ourselves, if we are sincerely tending to perfection; but we should receive the confusion, bear every thing with patience, and abandon ourselves to God, in the expectation that his hour will arrive.

28.

The spirit of Jesus Christ is one of uprightness and sincerity. He that is called to glorify this loving God, ought not to act according to his spirit.

29.

Those who believe themselves the authors of the good they have done, or who flatter themselves with having the least share in the world in it, or take complacency in such thoughts, lose more than they gain, even when the works on which they are engaged are good and holy.

30.

As our divine Redeemer has told us, Blessed are you when men shall persecute you, and say all manner of evil concerning you, it is an exceeding great happiness to be treated as Jesus Christ our Saviour was treated.

31.

The perfection of prayer, as well as an interior perfection, does not consist in prayer of more or less sublimity, but in charity.

MISSIONS OF INDIA.

Letter of the Rev. Louis Garnier, Jesuit Missionary, to a Father of the same Society.

Madura, November 10, 1841.

“ REVEREND FATHER,

“ Our preceding letters have frequently spoken to you concerning our Christians, our labours, our toils, our consolations, and our hopes; yet the wish which I feel of communicating with you, induces me to imitate the gleaner, who carefully picks up the ears of corn that have escaped the attention of the reapers; I may, perhaps, even light upon some details worthy to interest you.

“ You used to say to me, that an apostolical man is not intended to go in quest of the little consolations of the holy ministry, and to seek after the praises of men; that he ought to rejoice for labouring in the midst of the poor, of the sick, and ignorant, satisfied even when he finds, after being exhausted with fatigue, only a morsel of black bread, and still more happy if he be insulted, calumniated, maltreated, by the administrators of justice. Here a Missionary has frequent opportunities of putting in practice these instructions, in the ministry exercised amongst the Pariahs: there are no corporal penalties, certainly, to undergo, but in their stead, he has to bear numerous fines, insults of every description, and persecutions raised up against him by every sort of persons; there is no black bread, it is true, but very often, after having run about the whole day, his entire meal consists of a little rice steeped in peppered water: such are some of the thorns of our crown, may we be able at this cost to save many souls, and enter heaven in company with them!

“ The principle obstacle to the accomplish-