

demn natural remedies, but these sweats, these dances, and these feasts are worth nothing, and are altogether useless, as far as health is concerned." They listened to me very patiently, and made no answer,—either because they did not attach much importance to this reprimand, or because they were embarrassed, not doubting that I would report to the Father [142] what I had seen, and he would not fail to speak to them of it in forcible terms, when he had opportunity. At all events, we gained at least this, that every evening, when all were asleep, our host offered a prayer aloud in the name of the whole family, using these words: "Listen, you who have made heaven and earth; take all this cabin under your protection; you are the master of our lives." It is a pity he did not say this from his heart. We left there on the twenty-third, and, passing through *Anonatea*, we baptized a very sick Savage, who made the fifteenth of those whom God granted us the favor to baptize on this journey. Upon our return we were greatly consoled to hear that Father Pijart had baptized eight little children at *Ouenrio*, and the Father Superior two at the same place, besides a woman in our village. But we felt great regret at finding that the mother of one of our Christians had died without baptism; we had always hoped, up to that time, that this woman would never die other than a Christian. She seemed very docile, and had declared herself to be well satisfied with the baptism of those children. We had visited her very often [143] and only recently we had come from healing a wound that she had inflicted upon her leg, always taking occasion to exhort her to commend herself to God; so she had often heard the greater part of our holy mysteries.