

humiliated with his broken leg,—seeing himself, as it were, nailed to a mat; if he was motionless, he made enough commotion among the others, by making them dance and sing night and day for his recovery. He was somewhat embarrassed at finding himself in this condition, but his talk was characterized by ostentation and pride. We had hardly entered the cabin where he was, before he told us that we should not consider his illness as the common disease of the others,—that a fall had caused him to be confined to his bed for several days. I showed him some ointments that we had, telling him that these were what we were accustomed to use in similar cases; but he disdained the offer that we made him of our little services. It is wonderful that, while this demon incarnate was in the cabin, we could gain almost nothing from the sick people; we tried to propose [155] baptism to a young man of whom people had a very bad opinion. He answered us very impertinently; and one of his relatives, breaking into the conversation, began to abuse us, reproaching us with all the rumors that were current about us through the country; and the sorcerer commanded us very peremptorily to leave. The evening before our departure we instructed a young girl, deferring her baptism, however, until the next day; this was not without some change in her intention, for she dreamed during the night that she ought not to be baptized; if she did, she would die,—the credence she gave this dream, and her dread of dying, causing her to persist altogether in the negative and to refuse baptism. But after having represented to her that the devil was the author of this dream, and that he desired nothing else than to see her forever miserable in the flames