

about three years old; and the other, one year old. The eldest died childless, in the flower of her youth; her poor father, seeing that she had passed away, sent her body to us from a distance of forty leagues, to be placed in the cemetery of the Christians. He gave us the one who was only three years old, to be raised in some French Family; and, that she might not be lonely, he gave her as a companion another little girl, a relative, of whom Monsieur Gand, true father of the poor, took charge, paying her board as we do for those whom we keep in Families. God took to himself this Captain's daughter, and left the other one; so there only remains to him one child, still at the breast, of a great many whom God had given him; [112] and yet, all these afflictions did not make him waver. The Father who resided at Silery, where the Reduction of the Savages has been formed, upon entering his cabin one day, found him holding and kissing a little Crucifix that had been given him. When he saw the Father, he said to him, "Nikanis, I have recourse in my afflictions to him who has died for me; rest assured that I believe in him from the bottom of my heart; I did not lie to you when I gave you my word that I would not abandon the Faith."

Some Savages who had come from Tadoussac, and who were staying in his cabin, were not very favorable to our belief, and jeered when one began to speak of it. He, to impose silence upon them, said boldly that he believed in God, and that he intended to pray to him,—inviting the Father who happened to be there to instruct him, and to come and see him every day for the same purpose. Accordingly, the Father began to speak, and asked his new guests why