

nounce either our names or our surnames,— as they do not have in their language several consonants that are found therein,— get as near to them as they can; but, if they cannot succeed, they seek instead words used in their own country, which they can readily pronounce, and which have some connection either with our names or with their meaning. But inasmuch as it sometimes happens that they make rather unsuitable guesses, the confirmation or change of names that they have given during the voyage is made when they reach home. But enough of this subject; let us come to our usual occupations in these countries.

From four o'clock until eight in the morning, the time is passed in Masses and other special devotions. About eight o'clock the door of the House [15] is opened to the Savages; in the past, this was not closed again until four o'clock in the evening,— as much to save themselves the annoyance that was otherwise apprehended,— the Savages not seeming able to understand a refusal to enter, at least in the daytime, the cabins that are in their country, which are not usually closed then to any one,— as to take opportunity to profit by this custom. For, whatever the number of barbarians that come to see you, they are so many Masters and pupils visiting you, and saving you the trouble of going to them,— Masters, I say, in the use of the language; Pupils, as regards their salvation and Christianity.

However,— the importunity of these Barbarians, lazy to the last degree, becoming unbearable, and henceforward almost profitless, since we have found the secret of their language,— we have taken the reasonable liberty of no longer admitting any except