

tians and with edification; that is his first care,—to teach well those whom God has placed in his charge.

“ He is still more eloquent when speaking to God in his prayers, than he is when speaking to men: especially it is a pleasure to hear him after communion,—it is there that he repairs to enjoy devotion with an incredible delight, and cannot surfeit himself with blessing him who then makes himself manifestly known by the effects of the grace which he is producing in his soul. If one of his children has fallen sick, ‘ My God,’ he says, ‘ this house is yours; I know the care that you must have for it, since you love us. Whether in the life or in the death of the one who is sick, in it all there is no doubt that you will have regard for our greatest good; great God, your will be done, and let your will be ours.’

“ If he goes on some journey, ‘ My God,’ [133] he says, ‘ what useless steps I have taken in my life because I have not known you: grant, my God, in whatever place I may go, that I may never forget that you are with me,—so that in no place I may have the boldness to offend you.’

“ Last Summer, on his way to and from Kébec, at the rapids and portages he made three or four trips, laden almost above his strength; and all that for God. At the beginning of the portage, he offered his labor to our Lord; on the way, he continually conversed with him; and at the end, he thanked him for having given him the strength to do something for him.

“ In the bundles which he brought back for us, there were among other things some precious Relics of some Saint; that was his consolation, and he would never allow that another than he should charge himself with a burden so holy, though heavy;