

This simple man, seeing that the Father for whom he asked could not go, was distressed. "I think," said he, "that they imagine I am a liar." He made application to sieur Olivier, and conjured him so to arrange with Monsieur our Governor, that this Father should be sent to Tadoussac,—affirming that the Savages who were there wished to believe in God. There was no way of satisfying him at that time. Accordingly, he returned home, bearing the answer that we could not visit them, but that in the Spring the Father for whom they asked would go to see them. Having given his message, he came back to the Residence of Saint Joseph, bringing with him two families. We took pleasure in seeing the artlessness of this good Neophyte; he did not cast his eyes upon the other Frenchmen, but upon us, trying to imitate us according to his power. He came to ask us for a paper, begging us to mark all the days upon it. "Mark," said he, "the feast days, the working days, the days when meat is not eaten, the fast days; the days when [53] you yourselves fast, and not the Companions,"—it is thus they call the workmen; "for I wish to do exactly as you do." Having given him this paper, he observed very well the difference of the days. A worthy Frenchman having made a journey with him, told us that on fish days he was contented with a little sea biscuit boiled in clear water; he conducted himself so religiously in this respect that the poor man sometimes passed two days without food, having nothing but meat, and not wishing to violate the Command of the Church, to which he was by no means bound in the destitution of his provisions. Being invited to feasts on days when meat was not eaten, he kept his portion for his fam-