

ages. This is why I come armed to protect thee; thou oughtst not to go far from the cabins until the coming of the ships, which will give us confidence."

He was not unfrequently heard exhorting the Savages to follow our customs: "Cast your eyes," he said to them, "on the principal Frenchmen, on the Captains, on the Fathers,—they are the ones we must imitate. If there is any Companion who does not walk straight, we must beware of him; they do not all know the Massinahigan," that is, the Book which teaches how one must conduct himself properly. As soon as he was touched by God, seeing the Savages of the Sagné come to Tadoussac, he went to visit them, and exhorted them to embrace the faith, of which he [56] had scarcely any knowledge; and since presents are the language of this country, he offered them a great porcelain collar, that he might win them to believe in our Lord. I learned this only a year afterward, and even then by accident.

These three heads of families of whom I have spoken, were so zealous to be instructed that they wearied us. On a certain day when they had been a long time with us, they were invited to a feast; they said to one another: "Let us not go; here we are in quiet with the Fathers who instruct us, let us listen to them while we have the time." He who has a knowledge of the nature of the Savages, will deem that this action was remarkable in them. I have seen, among others, Charles, of whom I am now speaking, struggle so hard to remember his prayers, that it caused him great drops of sweat, in rather cold weather. He had himself taught by children; he wrote, or rather he made marks upon bark, to impress upon his mind what he had been taught.