

wife reproached him for being lazy, and for not hunting,—telling him he would be only a beggar, and that he would have neither food nor raiment. “Your words,” said he to her, “do not shake me; though all you say should happen, I would not cease to obey God. I do not expect from him riches on earth; nevertheless, I hope that he will aid me, and, whatever may be said to me, I shall obey him.” Some Savages, seeing that he threw to the dogs the bones of a beaver that he had caught, accused him of folly, saying that he would catch no more; it is one of their ancient superstitions to throw into the river or into the fire the bones of certain animals, in order that they may have a successful hunt.<sup>11</sup> He reproached them for their ignorance: “These animals are made for us,” he said; “it is a deception of the Devil to remain in these superstitions; you are dwelling in falsehoods, and you shut your eyes to the truth.”

If he were urged to undertake anything in which he suspected there might be sin, “I do not know,” he would say, “if that be permitted me; I will ask my Father, and I will do what he tells me in the case.”

[61] When he went to hunt during the winter, we gave him, as I stated above, a little calendar, on which he marked all the days; we exhorted him also to be in Kebec on good Friday, if it were possible. In this he did not fail; he was there with the French, and was more than three hours in the Church, being present at the Service and at the Passion, although he understood nothing of it. After dinner, he came to confess; and, after his confession, he was still an hour and a half in the chapel. He had eaten noth-