

ing during Lent but a little biscuit, and a little seal oil, which he had kept specially for that season. Having confessed and received communion, he went away to hunt; the weather being still favorable to him, he laid in a good supply of Elk meat, but, having given his people orders to come back for him with his shallop, the winds being contrary, he was for a long time, as it were, a prisoner in those great forests, without being able to come to us; on his return, he almost drew tears from our eyes, relating to us how he bore himself in that short banishment.

[62] "I said to God," declared he, "'Thou who commandest the winds, stay them, that I may go to thy House; I am weary of being so long without confessing, and without seeing the House of prayer.'" When he did anything he thought a sin, he immediately fell upon his knees, asked pardon of God for it, and smote himself, in order to take vengeance upon what he thought a fault, and which very often was not,—taking the fear of sin for the sin itself.

His little girl having fallen ill, so that he thought she must die, his wife reproached him, saying that baptism was making her die; this good man, putting his hope in God, took his rosary, hung it on her neck, and presented her to God with these words: "This child is thine, thou gavest her to me, and I have returned her to thee. Decide upon her life as thou wilt,—thou art the master of it; if thou wilt that she die, I will submit to it; if thou wilt give her to me again, I will thank thee,—and, as soon as she is grown, I will give her to the virgin Sisters, that she may be instructed. Do as thou [63] wilt; whatever may happen, I shall not cease to believe in