

whole family baptized; his wife, having been well instructed, came to present herself for Baptism three days after her confinement,—neither the length of the way, nor the severity of the cold could prevent her coming. As soon as her son was born, his father came to urge his baptism; the poor little fellow being sick, all the Christians put their chaplets on his bed, hoping that God would restore his health for the sake of this devotion; he is very well at present, thank God.

Prayer is offered to God in his family every day, night and morning, each one kneeling down; they frequent the Sacraments with an admirable sincerity; they obey with fidelity the laws of God and of his Church. One day this good Neophyte was urged to have his snowshoes finished on a feast day, the snow being in a good condition for hunting; he was never willing that any one should work on those days. "I am not a halfway Christian," said he, "we must obey all that is commanded."

When going to an Elk hunt in the woods, he asked earnestly if some one [132] of those who could instruct him and keep alive his devotion, would not be willing to accompany him; and Simon Pieskars urged that he should be fully instructed in all that was necessary to be done when he was remote from the Church, as he felt regret at absenting himself, even for a short time.

A certain Pagan said one day, that he would willingly be baptized if, after having been purified by the waters of Baptism, he could be assured that he would go to heaven. "But you tell me," said he, "that one may be damned, although he have been baptized, and that a relapse into sin plunges us into