

Tadoussac. As soon as he reëntered the cabin of the sick man, all the other Savages ran toward him; they placed themselves around him in a circle, in profound silence, and he instructed them according to his ability. No longer knowing what to say, he began so strongly to denounce their superstitions and their eat-all feasts,—showing the brutality of their manners, and blessing God that he had forsaken his old barbarism,—and said so many things against the uselessness and the folly of their drums, that all those who had these went immediately for them, and broke them into a thousand [201] pieces in his presence; this astonished him and greatly consoled him. When he came back, he did not know how to contain himself. “Nikanis,” said he to me, “I did think of bringing them here with me; if they had had anything with which to buy provisions to suffice for the winter, they would have followed me. All those whom I saw are resolved to be instructed, and to abandon their old customs in order to embrace ours.” Indeed, I do not doubt that all those poor little Tribes that are in the woods to which our Christians resort, will come and place themselves within the fold of the Church, if they can be assisted.

To conclude, the Father arrived at Tadoussac on the second day of June, and was recalled thence on the twenty-ninth. He baptized fourteen or fifteen Savages, principally children and aged persons; he would have baptized many more, if these poor people had been in a place where they could have been kept in the faith; all that will come in its own time. God, who has touched them and who calls them, will open to them a door and will give them the means of accomplishing his holy will. Amen.