

A few have been baptized in that condition, to whom it pleased God to restore health.

Nevertheless the Fathers have not yet been able to decide upon baptizing any one who is in health, although they have been urgently entreated to do so, as they desire to make a longer proof of their firmness and constancy; and, in order to do this, they resolved to follow them to the place where these were going for the rest of the year, and by this very means to advance and become still more and more proficient in the use of their language,—which in many respects appears to be different from that of which they had the first smattering with the Algonquins in the districts below. They set out from here, all together, on the eighth of May, the day before the Ascension, with the hope of arriving at the principal dwelling place of this Tribe by Whitsunday. May it please that adorable Spirit whose name their Mission bears, to take perfect possession both of the minds and hearts of these poor [92] Tribes, and of our own, and to reign therein eternally.

The opportunity we had of instructing the Nipisiriniens, on account of their nearness, and the great aptitude they showed in receiving instruction during the short time that their wintering lasted, made us unable to abandon them and devote ourselves to others of the same language, who had also come to winter in the country. However, Father Claude Pijart visited a few other places, in one of which he found perhaps five hundred persons gathered together of different Tribes, to whom, in passing, he spoke of the Kingdom of God, and caused them to sing God's praises. Nearly everywhere he found some predestined soul, which was only awaiting his