

manded the bark, wrote me these few words, and a young Savage brought me the letter: 'The Savage surnamed Boyer has come to our bark; he says he has come expressly for you, to take you to Tadousac. He awaits you here; send him, if you please, a word of reply. I have given to the bearer of this a little bread and some prunes, knowing well that you have need of them.'

"When I received these few words, I went to [187] the bark; the Savage who had come to meet me urged my going to Tadoussac, saying that all who were there ardently desired to be instructed; I went there in the canoe which came for me. When I arrived, they manifested to me every sort of good will; they all received me with great friendliness. I visited the sick; I found a woman dangerously ill; I instructed and baptized her, and God took her to heaven. *Cujus vult, miseretur*, God chooses whomsoever he pleases. This poor woman was waiting for this passport that she might enter Paradise.

"As soon as I had arrived," continued the Father, "the Savages built me a house after their fashion. It was soon set up; the young men went to search for bark, the girls and the women for branches of fir, to line it with a beautiful green; the older men did the carpentry, which consisted of some poles that they bent to form a bower, and spread thereon the bark of ash or of spruce; and lo! a Church and a house were quickly built. In the beginning, I wondered [188] where they would cut the bark, so as to make windows; but, when the house was finished, I saw that it was not necessary to take that trouble, for there was enough air and light without windows. I erected within an Altar; I made my little retreat