

ages a feast of Indian corn, which they like exceedingly; I had had it brought in the bark expressly for this purpose. I meant to speak during this feast, but the Savages [90 i.e., 190] having discovered my intention, put me off until another time. Toward evening, when the sieur Marsolet and I wished to exhibit the presents of Monsieur the Governor and our own, the Captain ran to meet us, and spoke to me in these terms: 'My Father, there is no need of making us presents to invite us to believe in God; we have all before this resolved to do so. Heaven is a sufficiently great recompense; we do not wish to be proud, nor to boast of being honored by your presents; let it suffice for all speech that you teach us the way to heaven. Without entering upon further discussion, all those whom you see here have resolved to pray, but not to leave their country to ascend the river.' He brought forward many reasons to show that it was important to them, not to withdraw from Tadoussac. In fact, his remarks were good, but based upon human and temporal considerations. Thus, then, we were checked in making our presents. Charles Meiachkawat who had retired, as I have already said, from Tadoussac, that he might live as a child of God at Saint Joseph, spoke to them several times, very earnestly, [191] but above their comprehension, for men do not promptly lay aside the interests of the world, although that be but a point in comparison with heaven. 'Ah! I see well,' said this good man, 'that the Devil detains you here; he gives you notions that you will be poor if you abandon your country,—he makes you imagine that the riches of the earth are of great importance; and how will all that help you at the