

hour of death? He well knows that he cannot deprive you of the determination that you have to believe in God; but he will put you under the impossibility of carrying it into effect, by keeping you in a place where you cannot be instructed. As soon as you no longer see the Father, you will no longer think of God; who will counsel you in your difficulties? who will hinder you from falling back into your superstitious chants, and into your feasts? If any one have a drum, who will have the hardihood to take it from him? "We have thrown them all away," you say—as if you could not make others! Although I myself believe with all my heart, yet it seems, when I am a long time absent from the [192] Fathers, that my old ideas are inclined to return; this is why, even should I become the poorest creature in the world, I would never leave them.' This good Neophyte did not cease morning and evening, and even at night, to urge his Tribesmen to come and dwell with those who teach the way of salvation. The Savages, when urged by these reasons, concluded, not that it was necessary to ascend to Kebec, but that it was expedient for us to descend to Tadoussac, and set up a House there, that we might instruct them. 'The neighboring Tribes will come and dwell there,' they said, 'they will unquestionably embrace the faith.'" But the country is so wretched, that soil is scarcely found therein for their graves; there are only barren and frightful rocks. If, nevertheless, Monsieur the general, and the fleet of the Gentlemen of New France, which passes some months of every year at Tadoussac, should cause a house to be built there by their order, like the one Monsieur du Plessis Bochart³ had com-