

naturedly: 'My Father, make a wager with [196] those who told thee that, and we will see that thou dost win, for assuredly we will not be intoxicated. Remain with us until the fleet comes, and we will bring thee all the liquors that we have,—thou shalt be the Cupbearer and the distributor of them; thou shalt pour them out for us with thine own hand, and we will not exceed the measure that thou shalt give us.'

"I saw some young men of the Sagné here, who had never seen any Frenchmen; they were much astonished to hear me speak their own Language. They asked from what place I was; they were told that I was from Kebec, and was one of their relatives; but they could not believe it at all, for our beards put a difference, almost essential, so to speak, between a European and a Savage. I have had intercourse with some families from the Interior; they are simple people, and very capable of receiving the good grain and rich seed of the Gospel.

"Being present, on a certain day, at a meeting where the Savages discussed sending their young men with merchandise to these more distant Tribes, I offered to accompany them, that I might speak of God to [197] those poor people; this somewhat troubled them, for they are unwilling that Frenchmen should have a knowledge of their trade, and of what they give to other Savages for their furs, and this they keep so secret that no one is able to discover it. They described to me the horrible and frightful roads, as they are, indeed; but they magnified the horror of them so as to astound me and divert me from my plan. Having perceived their apprehension, I began to discourse upon eternal woes