

This conduct touched the hearts of the Infidels, all the more because the Christians did not desist from their exercises, in spite of all the rebuffs that they experienced from their Countrymen. Faith is powerful, when it encounters a good heart. These Barbarians began little by little to admire the beauty of our creed, and came to Kebec to ask that some one be sent to instruct them; a Father was given to them last year. They returned to the charge in the Spring, and Father Jean de Quen, who understands the Montagnais language, was sent to them. Let us hear what he tells us of his journey. "The Savages," he says, "manifested universal joy at my arrival. [137] They put up a cabin for me, apart from the others, which served at once as a Chapel and as a house. Every day I said therein holy Mass, which was attended by all the Christians, and sprinkled the holy water; and every Sunday I baptized in it some Catechumens, with the rites of the Church. I assembled the men, women, and children therein in separate groups, for instruction. There were fifty Christians there, who confessed their sins at Pentecost. The hardships that one has to undergo among these peoples are mitigated by the sweet fruit obtained from the seed sown in their hearts."

These good people—who desired to establish a distinction between the ordinary days and the days to be respected, as they say—used to meet after dinner on Festivals and on Sundays, in their bark Chapel, to recite aloud the Rosary with the Father. After rendering this slight tribute to Our Lady, they would sing a Hymn in her honor, composed in their own language. If any one were prevented, for any