

minds of some of them. The Father wished to baptize some young boys of the band, who were well instructed and who had desired that Sacrament; but they drew back just as they were about to be made Children of God. One of them returned soon after, incited thereto by his companions, who threatened him with Hell. The other was more hardened. "I shall die," he said, "if I get baptized. Since I have been wishing for it, my eye has commenced to pain me" (one of his eyes had become inflamed). If I become a Christian, it is all over with me. I shall not see next Spring. I shall die next Winter in the woods." *Unus assumetur, alter relinquetur*. God's selection and rejection of men are accomplished in secret, as well as in equity.

[140] I have already spoken of the Baptism of one Emery Tchames. That good Neophyte usually lives at Tadoussac. If he continue as he has begun, he will greatly assist his Countrymen to range themselves under the banners of truth. "I have often seen him," says the Father, "spend a full half-hour after the prayers in common, praying to God with clasped hands and on his knees,—a position that is very painful for Savages,—with such fervor that it was easy to see that his heart went faster than his lips. While walking around the cabins at night, I have sometimes found him in that position, without his being aware that I was observing him." His prayer, said in secret, was well known to him who changes stones into children of Abraham when it pleases him. God tried him by means of an illness, that gave him occasion to fortify himself in the Faith. The Devil chose his own time; he wished