

the Captain who tolerated this disorderly conduct, even going so far as publicly to side against him. The Savages of Tadoussac, feeling that they were supported by the Father's authority and zeal, barred the doors of their cabins to prevent the young men from being guilty of any insolence. These Barbarians have a most abominable custom. Whenever any warriors or any young men go into any place where there are Savages, they are allowed to visit the cabins at night, and to accost the girls. Now, although in most instances they merely indulge in conversation, still, as unseemly actions are also committed, we strongly inveigh against this custom; so that the Christians and Catechumens, and also those who have a leaning towards the Faith, oppose such immodest conduct. Now, as the Savages of Tadoussac did not dare publicly to forbid entrance to their cabins to the young Algonquin men, they made all the girls retire [146] to a separate place, ordering the young Montagnais men to sleep at the entrances of their cabins, which they closed, contrary to their custom,—for their cabins are open day and night, having only a loosely hanging skin for a door. They also fastened bells at other places by which an entrance might be effected, so that those who were in the huts would be awakened by the noise; and the profligate fellows, finding themselves discovered, would retire without going any further. The other canoes, which came from the Sagne and other places, brought men much more modest, and with better regulated minds,—in a word, with souls, which seem to need only a little temporal aid in order to be saved. Some of them who had heard of the great