

to offend God; he went alone, with his wife, to hunt during the whole winter in the woods. Another, on the contrary, from a spirit of charity joined a mixed company of Christians and Infidels, in order to advance the glory [219] of God, working for the conversion of the wicked, and maintaining the good in their duty. "I am come to bid thee adieu," he said to Father Buteux, "until Spring, and to commend myself to thy prayers. I see well the danger to which I am exposed by separating myself from thee. It seems to me, when I am far from you all, that I am like a very feeble child who is not supported by any one. Nevertheless, I am resolved to follow our people to endeavor to keep them in their duty, and to induce those who are not yet baptized to make themselves worthy of Baptism. For that purpose, I ask thee first of all for a Crucifix, before which we may say our prayers; tapers, to burn in honor of the Crucifix; a paper, on which thou shalt mark the days when we must abstain from meat, the Sundays, and the festivals,—and especially Christmas eve, so that we may pass it in prayer; a rosary, for although I have one I may lose it in the woods, or some one else may lose his. If thou knowest of anything else that may be needed, give it [220] to me and teach me what I should do." The good young man said this almost with tears in his eyes, and with an exceedingly great devotion. Here is another rather remarkable trait of this same young man. When the ships arrived at Tadoussac, Father Buteux addressed him, desiring to send him to Quebec with the news. He informed him of the offers that were made to the person who would undertake the journey, and told him that he would be much pleased if