

it fell to his lot, for he was rather poorly clad. On hearing this, he hesitated a little and, looking at the Father, he said: "I will do all that thou wishest. But what thinkest thou on seeing me thus meanly clad? Thou imaginest, perhaps, that it is through necessity, or through lack of skill in catching Beavers. Thou art mistaken; I have not yet said a word of my purpose to any one but thee. Know that I am well pleased to be ill clad, so as to have no cause for vainglory, and so as to be despised, and to imitate Jesus Christ, who was so poor. But I am surprised that thou who teachest us that we should [221] love poverty, shouldst nevertheless speak to me of having a good robe and of getting one for me, as if it were better to be well than to be badly clad. If, therefore, I obey thee, it is because God commands me to do so, and not for any other consideration."

He imagined that the tonsure that we have on our heads had a great influence in making the others pray to God and was necessary for those who undertake to teach. He had his head shaved like ours, and, taking a whip of rope, he went through the cabins calling the others to prayers, and striking those who did not promptly obey. "I am doing the Fathers' office," he cried; "hasten; it is time to pray to God." It was this, in fact, that our Fathers did, to summon the savages to prayers, but they did not strike them. Nor was this necessary, for hardly did they hear the Father's voice calling them than they answered at once "Ho!" and the Captain, issuing from his cabin, repeated the call and made himself promptly obeyed.

[222] Although the Captains of the savages are very poorly obeyed by their people, because they use