

bringing his tribe, who live further inland, to hear the Gospel. The slight knowledge that was given him of that most heavenly doctrine induced him to come himself, sick as he was. When he saw the Father, he was filled with joy; and, although he had death between his teeth, as the saying is, he wished to be carried to the Chapel, to receive baptism with all the holy rites; and he invited all his people to be present, to give public testimony [231] of the esteem that he had for the Faith and for prayer. Thus the Father commenced his Mission.

The Captain of Tadoussac was no less pleased at his coming than that good Neophyte. He showed it by an eloquent harangue, in these words: "Let us all rejoice; see, our Father has arrived, and is with us. You know how he loves us. He will not be here for a little while; we shall all enjoy his presence. Let every one attend the prayers every day, and the instruction that he will give us. Let us who are baptized confess our sins, and endeavor to walk straight. Let us not cause him any sorrow while he is with us." All the people replied to this discourse by a general exclamation, to show that they were willing to obey the wish of their Captain, and desired to enjoy the happiness caused them by the presence of the Father.

After this general rejoicing, the savages began to give an account of all that had happened during their great winter hunt. They are in the habit of asking for a paper, or a [232] Calendar to distinguish the days that are honored—thus they call the Sundays and Festivals. They therefore said that it was their custom on those days to spread out and expose to view a fine, large picture in the best cabin; to light