

upon the sweet sentiments of piety of these new plants, and upon the fervor of their devotion. It is the custom to summon them in the morning to holy Mass, and to assemble them once more before night, to make them recite some prayers and especially [239] the rosary. Father Dequen made them say it very slowly, and after each decade he made them sing a Hymn. This took some time, and, in order not to make it distasteful to them, he intended to content himself with their reciting only one half of it. But these good people noticed this, and exclaimed: "It looks as if we were only half Christians. Let us say the whole of it, my Father; let us say the whole of it. Let us not serve God only by halves." "Yes," said the Father, "but perhaps some of you have pressing business to attend to." "Let those depart who are called elsewhere," they replied. "For us, it stands to reason that we should not omit any of our prayers." As that devotion is very agreeable to them, it communicates itself even to the youngest children, who, when they sometimes see their parents going out of their cabins without their rosaries, call out to them not to forget these if they are going to the house of prayer.

When some whom we call the savages of the Sag-né—because they come to see the French by a river bearing that name—saw their countrymen pray, [240] they begged so earnestly and with such importunity to be taught to pray to him who has made all, that, on the very day of their departure, they came to the Father, and, kneeling with most delightful simplicity, they made him recite the prayers, in order the better to impress them on their memories. When they had said them two or three times, they revolved