

to seek in the vast forests for something wherewith to satisfy their hunger. Hardly had Barnabé gone a quarter of a league than he came upon a young deer. He pierced it with his arrows, skinned it on the spot, loaded himself with the pleasant burden, returned to the place where their baggage had been left, and prepared supper, which awaited the absent ones. At night my hunters returned, hungrier and less burdened than when they started. The Christian waited for them on the road; and, when they saw only his quiver in his hand, they said, "Thy God has been deaf to thy prayers this time. Some other day, when thou shalt be more fortunate, then he will have heard thee." "No, no," he said, "we live only at his expense; your impiety has not prevented him from doing good to us; but you deserve to die here of hunger; he treats you as a kind father treats wicked children, who he hopes will one day acknowledge their errors."