

not content to answer all questions with the devotion and sentiments with which the Holy Ghost inspired her, but she also assisted her husband,—she exhorted him and suggested to him the answers. They afterward received the Nuptial benediction, and were admitted to Our Lord's table. On leaving it, Denis Iariat said to me: 'Now I will pray in earnest, and will be a good man. I regret my past life; I hate sin, and wish to lead a better life in future.' Then, drawing out a quantity of Porcelain beads, he said: 'I am sorry that I am so poor; I have neither Moose nor Beaver to present to those Gentlemen who so greatly obliged us at our Baptism. I wish that I had something by which I might acknowledge the kindness that we have received, but since I have [126] nothing else, I shall be pleased if they will deign to accept this little present from me.' We thanked him, and were satisfied with this manifestation of his good will. He therefore withdrew, quite content, and returned to Nepegigouit to continue the hunt for Beaver, and to help as much as he could in completing the building that Monsieur the Abbé of sainte Magdalene,¹ and Messieurs the Associates for Miskou, have caused to be begun near us for him and for Joseph Nepsuget, who was baptized last year. They are on good terms with each other; they are good comrades, and hunt together in Summer and in Winter. They had much to suffer at the beginning of last Winter and God tried their constancy and courage. They had selected their hunting district very far within the forest, hoping there to meet better success. They had intended to lay in a supply of Salmon; but the frost forestalled them, and closed the rivers, which quickly reduced them to want.