

to live in the forest, in order to prepare the timber there for the new building.

About the 15th, the bark returned from 3 rivers, which brought back our brother Nicolas Noircler, who went to dwell at Sillery. *Our brother Nicolas Noircler at Sillery.*

Toward the end of the month, we had news that the savages with whom was father Druilletes were dying of hunger, and that 9 or 10 were already dead. *Savages with father Druilletes dying of hunger.*

IN DECEMBER.

The festival of St. François Xavier falling this year on Monday, we held the 1st solemn Vespers on Sunday, and said high mass on Monday. The Indulgence was not published, because I was confirmed in my suspicion that there was none. In the morning, three shots were fired at the fort; and on the eve, Monsieur sent 2 bottles of Spanish wine and a sucking pig. The Vow was renewed at evening, as usual,—between the litany and the *Ave maris stella*, before the Blessed Sacrament, exposed. *St. Xavier.*

On the 3rd of the month of December,—Tuesday,—the mass for the dead was said in behalf of Messieurs of the Company, by father le Jeune, at the usual time, without other ceremony and without inviting Monsieur the governor,—to whom, however, incidentally in familiar conversation, I mentioned the matter, some time previously. *Mass for messieurs of the Company here; and* *Vide superiorem annum.*

The hospital having forgotten to say it on the same Day as last year,—which was the 29th of November,—the decision was adopted *At the Hospital.*