

what exercises they practiced in common. They answered that they said their prayers every evening and every morning, in the way that he had seen and heard; but that on the days of feasts, with which they are well [200] acquainted through the little calendars which are given them, they redoubled their devotions, as follows:

“On Sunday morning at daybreak, the eldest among us—or the Captain, if he be present—notifies us that the day is numbered among those that we honor; and that, consequently, we must not work. He nevertheless allows those who have set nets, to go and see whether they have taken any fish, since they have no other food. ‘But do not eat,’ he says to them, ‘do not drink, do not smoke, until we have said our prayers.’” That done, they prepare the cabin which is to serve as Church; they carpet it with branches of spruce, and then each one puts on his finest garments to honor the feast. The signal being given, they enter, modestly and without noise; the Pagans have permission to be present at the beginning. Every one kneeling, they display an image in the midst of this Church of bark; each one joins his hands, and all respond to the usual prayers which are said every day. After that, the Captain exclaims, “You who are not baptized, go out; the prayers which we are about to say are only for the Christians.” Thereupon [201] they intone Hymns,—either those of the blessed Sacrament, or of other Christian truths; and next they recite their rosaries in such a way that they always sing the last *Ave Maria* of each decade. In conclusion, those present are warned to be very careful on that day, to do no unseemly deed, or any servile work. They who