

in the vicinity of Tadoussac, near a small river called Kwabahiganan by the Savages. When the Father saw his flock again gathered together, he distributed to them the bread of the word and doctrine of our Lord, so that his sheep were inspired with fervor. Some who, because they had wandered too far from the Fold, had lost taste and relish for holy things, felt their appetite return when they saw the avidity of those who could not be satisfied, so great was the pleasure that they took in discourses relating to eternal life.

A Pagan woman who had escaped a short time before from the country and the captivity of the Hiroquois, threw herself at his feet, begging him to baptize her before going any further on so rough a journey. The Father who well knew that she had been instructed, and that her pride had prevented her from embracing a creed which makes a profession of humility, asked her whence this sudden change arose. "Affliction," she said, "has given me sense. As soon as I saw myself in the hands of our enemies, I thought in [97] my heart: 'He who has made all punishes me because I closed my ears to his word;' and in the worst of my tortures I said to him: 'Have pity on me; I had no sense in offending thee; permit me again to see the land of the Believers, so that I may be baptized.'" Our Lord having granted her prayer, the Father granted her, upon the spot, the fulfillment of her desire.

On the 8th of October, they all prayed and asked God for favorable weather to enable them to cross the great river, which at that spot is from eight to ten leagues wide. That favor was granted them; they separated once more, to meet again, at a certain