

frequent that little Church, he listened to the stranger Savages who did not fail to land at that port, notwithstanding the [132] fears with which nature and the devil inspired them. They related how, on their departure from their own country, they were looked upon as people who came to seek disease. "But," they said, "we hope to return in good health; we have come expressly to confess, and to receive him who has made us his children in Baptism. That is the only commerce and the only trade that brings us here." The Father, after consoling them and highly praising their faith and courage, granted them with pleasure the gifts they so earnestly desired, and which they received with a thousand blessings and a thousand thanks.

Not only the Christians, but some Catechumens also, have overcome the dread inspired in them by the Pagans. "Our Countrymen and even our relatives," they said,— "who were frightened by the diseases that assailed them last year, on leaving Tadoussac,—wished to stop us, saying that our lives were doomed if we approached the house of Prayer. But the hope of being baptized has induced us to leave [133] our country, and to overcome the fears of our relatives in regard to receiving that favor. Surely it will be granted us this time, for it is the sole object of our coming here. We know, my Father, what thou hast so strongly recommended; we have said our prayers every day without fail; we have resolved to obey God constantly. Thou hast said to us: 'I will baptize you, if you walk in the straight path.' Ask those who have seen us walk all winter if one of us has strayed from the path that thou hast traced out. Thou sayest that it is wrong to lie;