

evening to repeat the prayers for them; but he told them to say them as usual, and that he would be glad to hear them. They all knelt down, and one of them recited the prayers quite distinctly, while all the others followed him sedately and with a devotion that he had not expected from these poor barbarians. When the prayers were over, they recited together [140] three decades of the rosary, singing a spiritual song at the end of each decade. They did the same on the following morning; and "Thus," said they, "we passed the whole winter, except on Sundays and festivals, when we considerably prolonged our prayers."

The Father was greatly comforted and went back with them to Tadoussac to administer to them the Sacraments of Confession and the Eucharist, and to instruct them for some time, sending them back then to their own country. During the conversations that they had with the Father, they highly praised the zeal and charity of a Christian woman. When disease followed them everywhere, that good woman went from cabin to cabin, exhorting every one to remain firm in the faith, and to place all their hopes in God. "My sisters," she said to the sick women, "be not afflicted at seeing yourselves in so weak a state; this disease is nothing in comparison with the flames of Hell, which you would suffer if you were not Christians. Remember what our Father has so often [141] told us at Tadoussac,—that sufferings were good, and would be highly rewarded in Heaven; and that we must pay for the evil that we have wrought by our sins."

If any child died, she encouraged its parents both by her example—for she had endured the loss of her