

Arriving at the river's mouth, they erected a little Chapel on a small Island, in order there to enjoy better protection from the mosquitoes, or little flies, which are very troublesome, stinging so as to draw blood, and which fill all the woods.

On this spot the French and the [71] Savages attended Mass, which the Father said with heartfelt earnestness, to thank God for his help throughout that journey.

On the following day, the Savages who had borne the Father company performed their devotions; and—after he had given them each a Calendar, with the Sundays and Festivals marked for the better guidance of their devotions—they descended all together, to carry on their salmon-fishing in a river one day's journey farther down.

At the same time, the Father and the Frenchmen embarked in a Biscayan long-boat, and, in two days, gained the mouth of the Piribisticou river, where a head wind detained them.

There all the Father's fatigue was entirely dispelled by the consolation he received at [72] sight of a Papinachois family, which God's Providence caused him to meet. The Chief who was its head, who had been instructed the year before by the Father, had promised him to be on the banks of the great river with his wife and children to receive Baptism, and had kept his promise faithfully.

He rehearsed to the Father the instructions which the latter had given him, assuring him that he had made constant use of the prayer which he had been taught; and that he had not had recourse to his superstitions, except on a single occasion—for which, however, he was truly repentant; that he had a