

He baptized some children there, and performed the duties of a missionary toward the others, during the short time that he spent there.

The scurvy, which severely tried the French who wintered in that country, and even caused two of them to die, has obliged them, and the missionary also, to leave it as soon as possible. But he promised the Savages that next spring he would return to them, that he might fully instruct them, and make them share in the blood of Jesus Christ, which he has shed not less for these poor barbarians than for the kings of earth.

If one could push farther into those northern regions, one would find still other nations—more untamed, it is true, than are these; but not so much so that the maxims of the Gospel could not win them to God, as well as the other savage peoples of this new world.