

came to me and, kneeling in my room with bare head and clasped hands, desiring me to remain covered and seated, he asked me for permission to make two vows: the first, ever to comply unquestioningly with the orders of his superiors, and never propose anything contrary to them; the second, to bind himself never to return to France, or to secure that privilege in any way. I would not permit the former, but I allowed the latter, in so far as was consistent with obedience. He afterward thanked me for firmly adhering to my intention of sending him among the Iroquois, because in that I had acted against his own feelings.

I must not forget to say something about the Tadoussac mission wherein Father de Crépieu, who is a true apostle, labors summer and winter. He made his profession here on last Assumption day, for he preferred to postpone it until then, rather than lose the opportunity of wintering among his beloved Savages. He falls ill when I recall him here to rest for a little while; and no sooner has he returned to the labors of his mission, than he is restored to health. He begged me to allow him to go himself this year to tribes very distant from here, named Mistassins. He is preparing for this at present; and, as he is also asked for by two other tribes, he will go and instruct them during the summer.

We have two other Churches near us, which ever preserve their pristine splendor, and whose virtue is of the sweetest odor. One is that of la prairie de la Magdeleine, near Montreal; the fervor, piety, and other Christian virtues of the inhabitants are the admiration of both French and Savages; and assuredly it is a wonderful thing to see how these good neophytes