

Besides the Tribes who come to the *Sainte Thérèse* river for trade, there are still others, farther North, in a climate even colder than this—as the *Ikovirinioucks* who are about a hundred leagues from here; but they are at war with the Savages of this Country and have no intercourse with the Fort. Farther on are found the *Eskimaux*; and, near the *Ikovirinioucks*, another great Tribe who are allied to them, and are called the *Alimouspigut*. This is a numerous Tribe: they have Villages, and extend even back of the *Assiniboëls*, with whom they are almost always at war.

I do not yet speak the language of the Savages well, and, nevertheless, none of them have come to the Fort to whom I have not spoken of God. I had a secret delight in declaring him to these poor people who had never heard of him; many have listened willingly to me; they knew, at least, that I came for a purpose different from that of the other Frenchmen. I told them that I would go into their Country, that I might make them know the God whom I adored; they were much pleased at this, and invited me to do so. I have still more difficulty in understanding the Savage tongue than in speaking it. I already know the greater number of the words; Monsieur de la Motte has supplied me with a good many, and an Englishman who knows the language very well has given me many more. I have made a Dictionary of all these words according to our alphabet, and I believe that, considering the short time that I could spend among the Savages, I had begun to speak their language easily and to understand it. I have translated the sign of the Cross, the *Pater*, the *Ave*, the *Credo*, and the Commandments of God. I have baptized only two adult Savages, who