

the word of a multitude who are not very faithful in keeping it. It is quite true, as regards your son Baptiste, that it would be, in many respects, more advantageous for him to spend the winter not far from you; but I do not believe that Monsieur Lepage has obtained Monseigneur the Bishop's consent for that wintering; for, in that case, he would have spoken, or at least have written, to me on the subject—because, if I had to pass the winter at Rimouski, as I could not do so in the house of the domain, I would have been compelled to take many precautions, and adopt measures for wintering in another house, far from other dwellings.

With regard to your son Baptiste,—if he continue in the same feelings, and is animated with great willingness to serve God and to labor for his own salvation and for that of others,—as there is no likelihood of my going down to la pointe des monts and taking him on the way, he would do well to come here as soon as possible. I have sent for a latin grammar for him, and I trust that he will make good use of it. It would be better to undertake nothing than to be remiss; for to do so would entail loss of time, would offend God, and make oneself a public laughing-stock. One of the reasons that would also have induced me to go down at this time was, that I might lead him to make these reflections, and many others, in your presence. But, after all, he is no longer a child; he must have reason and know how to use it, especially in the choice of a calling,—in which his happiness, even in this world, is involved, and which is still more important as regards the next.

Should, however, there be any probability of my