

For lo, there arrived the nearest relatives of this carcass, which had no longer aught but bones; and they, having fastened this dying bundle upon the sledges, took it with them into the depths of the forests. Those who saw him depart would not give him five days of life. However, he lived through the winter, his poor mother and relations dragging him through all the stations made by the Savages, — now over Mountains, now through Valleys, now upon frozen Rivers or Lakes, oftenest upon the snow and always in the woods. Spring came, and they brought him back to Kébec. The Father who had asked him of God was greatly astonished when he saw him, and approached him, to give him some instruction. This poor young man had only the sense necessary for the faith, namely, the ears; for he had lost his sight, and all his other senses were greatly dulled,—he was more like a skeleton than a man. He listened willingly to what was told him, his mother herself impressing it upon him and making him softly answer. In a word, he believed and gave proof of his belief, invoking sometimes one, sometimes another [82] of the three persons of the holy Trinity, especially the holy Ghost, which he finally received through Baptism, which Father de Quen conferred upon him. He remained only five or six days upon earth after this favor; his Country was Paradise, to which he withdrew, leaving his body to his poor mother, who enveloped it in many robes, and, without giving us notice, went and placed it upon a high scaffold, to bury it afterwards according to their ancient custom. The Father who had instructed him, hearing that they had elevated this body, went to the Cabins of the Savages, and asked his mother and relatives