

In the chapel a body of Indian men, women, and children were upon their knees, totally absorbed in presenting their evening adorations. We passed them, apparently without being noticed, and as far as external deportment authorized us to judge of the employment of the heart, no supplicants could be more sincerely devout. They were part of a tribe who were upon a visit to the bishop their former priest, and were treated with great tenderness and kindness by himself and his family:

The weather was pleasant and we had seen them in their encampment near the margin of the river. They had made their voyage in a birch canoe, which was now their shelter from the sun. The women were busy in manufacturing articles for sale in birch bark, which they decorate with the porcupine's quill—Diligence and innocence marked their demeanor. These temporary defences by their canoes are made more convenient, by the birch bark which they carry with them; which answers as a floor to sleep upon, or as tents to ward off the wind and rain. The birch canoes are made of the bark of that tree and are of different dimensions. Those: