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to Tadousac. It was early morning when the canoe of Father de Crèpieul was sighted coming down the river followed by the canoes of the hunters. A runner hastened to announce to the village the welcome news that the canoe of the father was near the bend. At once the chapel bell was rung, guns were fired, and out from every cabin men, women, and children appeared and hurried to the landing-cove. Every one shook hands with him when he alighted and greeted him with a friendly "Chtee ! chtee !''---"welcome! welcome !" De Crèpieul passed among them, shaking hands with every one, saying to each, "Koille ! Koille !"-"Good morning ! Goodmorning !"

The missionary, followed by his spiritual children, hastened to the chapel, where he celebrated Mass, surrounded by his Algonquin converts. That afternoon he baptized the infants born during his absence and gave the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The canticles and hymns were sung in Algonquin by the Montagnais; the men, filling one side of the little chapel, sang a verse, then the women from their side responded by another verse. That evening all repaired to the cemetery where the priest blessed the graves of those buried since his departure for the moose lands. There, in the waning evening,