

ing. The elders assembled, and held many councils, but all in vain; the snow still continued. Then some one of the company said he remembered the threats which we have related. Straightway they went and disinterred the dead man, and burned him; when immediately the snow ceased, and spring followed.³ Who would think that people could give credence to such absurd stories? And yet they regard them as true beyond dispute.

“Our good old man was not the only one of his House to whom God showed mercy. His two daughters, who were [95] the cause of his salvation, were undoubtedly drawn to Heaven by his prayers; for, one of them being seized with an ailment which lasted but five days, God guided my steps so fortunately for her eternal happiness that, although I could not reach her until the evening before her death, I had leisure to prepare her for holy Baptism,—which she received in time to go and bear her good father company in the glory which she had obtained for him. The third daughter, surviving both the others, seems to have inherited their piety. I found this woman so discreet, so modest, and so well disposed toward the faith, that I did not hesitate to admit her into the Church through partaking of the sacraments. The entire family of that good neophyte—and it is a large one—feel the effects of this goodness, which seems natural to them. [96] They all have a tender regard for me, and, from a feeling of respect which they bear me, call me by no other name than ‘uncle.’ I hope that God will show mercy to all of them, for I see them more inclined to prayer than is usual among Savages.

“We can also relate, among the marvels that God