

the tempest, so he was drowned in the great river, which served as a sepulchre for his body. As for his soul, I can hardly doubt that it went to Heaven; for, besides that he had been recently baptized, and was still thoroughly imbued with the Holy Ghost, you might have said that God was preparing him for this death,—for, a little while before embarking, when the Father wished to have him take some breakfast because he had been working, he refused it; and, when the Father urged him, he said to him, 'I have resolved to fast to-day in order that I may take communion tomorrow,' which he did; and a little while afterwards Our Lord called him to himself."

Let us come to our young Montagnais and Algonquins. These young lads, most of them between twelve and fifteen years of age, have taught us two admirable truths,—one is, that if animals are capable of discipline, the young Savage children are much more so; the other, that education alone is wanting to these poor children, whose minds are as good as those of our Europeans, [138] as will be seen by what I am about to say.

A little wild ass is not born into greater freedom than is a little Canadian; yet, when these children find themselves in a seminary, they proceed amiably to perform the little tasks that are exacted from them. They say their prayers on their knees, evening and morning; five of them, having been baptized, attended Mass every day. When they were in the Seminary, before Baptism, they only remained until after the Gospel. They wait upon the Priest at the Altar with as much grace and modesty as if they had been brought up in a well regulated academy; they are