

found ready for their lessons at the proper hours; they love one another. But also it is necessary to give them freedom for recreation, and, as they are not led by fear, one must seize the occasion to subdue them by love; to this they are very susceptible, humbly asking leave of their master when they wish to go a short distance from the house. As the Catechism is taught to the little French children on Sundays, either in the morning or after Vespers, they desired to participate therein. So the doctrine of JESUS CHRIST was explained in two Languages; [139] and our Seminarists,—jealous of the honor shown to the little French children when they answered well, and wishing to cope with them,—even asked that they should be given in writing a few points of the Catechism, as they saw these were given to the others to learn during the week. In all this they succeeded, with as much grace and docility as any of the French, answering the questions put to them with a little gravity, and a modesty that won the hearts and attracted the friendly feeling of the spectators. They made their confessions quite often, and those who were regarded as fit for the holy Communion approached it with preparation and respect.

The fear of sin entered deeply into their souls. Two or three of them, having gone to see those Hurons of whom I have spoken above, were offered I know not what kind of soup or sagamite, in which there were small pieces of meat. Now,—as it was a day upon which they were not permitted to eat meat; and as, besides, it is great impoliteness among them, and a sign of pride or enmity, to refuse what is offered,—they took the soup, and quietly removed the little [140] morsels of meat that were in it. Nev-