

are afraid to give their children, lest they be blamed by their Countrymen. Seeing a good Christian woman at the point of death, I asked her for one of her little girls, to have her brought up by the Reverend Ursuline Mothers, of whose arrival we had received news from Tadoussac. The good woman said to me: "For my part, I am well pleased at this; I know very well that you take [60] great care of poor orphans; but question her Uncle a little, whether he will agree to it." By good fortune, this Uncle was a Christian. I asked him whether he would be satisfied if we had the little girl brought up by these good Nuns. He replied that she was the child of his own brother, and that he could not give her up without being blamed by his relatives. I then answered that I was glad that she should be with him, and that he should have her reared in the Faith; but I only feared that God would require from him an account of the child because his wife did not take proper care of her; and that, for my part, I transferred to him my responsibility. The good man was astonished and gave her to me at once, to be handed over to the good Mothers on their arrival. This incident showed me that the fear of displeasing God was becoming rooted in the souls of these poor Neophytes.

A Frenchman wished to make a Christian Savage woman work on a Feast day, not knowing that she had been baptized. The good woman said to him: "Is it permitted to thee to work to-day?" The Frenchman having replied that it was not, "Why then," said she, "dost thou wish to make me work, since [61] I believe, and pray to God, and wish to go to Heaven as well as thou?"

*Non requiritur in Christiano initium, sed finis, a great*