

“ I noticed,” said Mother Magdelaine de Jesus, “ that Anne Therese ” — the name of this good Hiroquois woman — “ had a most extraordinary desire to be instructed. She never wearied of hearing about God, nor of praying on Feast days and Sundays. She sometimes asked leave to go for a walk, but her recreation was to go to hear Vespers in one Church, and Compline in another. She had a purity and a tenderness [163] of conscience that were admirable. She liked exceedingly to frequent the Sacraments; when she saw the Church decorated, she asked the reason for it, and gave us no peace until we explained to her the mystery of the feast that was about to be celebrated, to which she listened with great eagerness; her heart knew well how to commune with God. One day, having noticed that a sister who was going away from Communion suddenly began to pray aloud while reciting her rosary, she said to her, as they were leaving the Church, ‘ My sister, when you have received communion, you must look at Jesus Christ in your heart, without speaking; he must be adored in silence, and you must say to him, from the depths of your soul, “ My Lord, I give myself to you; take my heart, possess your poor creature; ” and, when you have spoken to him for some time in your heart, then you can move your lips.’

“ She had a good disposition, very charitable and very grateful. Once when she was with Mother Magdelaine, some one came and told her that a person who came to teach her to read was dead. She [164] was touched at this, and entreated me and all the sisters to commend her soul to our Lord.”

If some poor person presented himself, she was