

bringing one of her dresses, another a hat — for their new companions to wear, until clothes could be made for them.

“ They are so modest that, if one of them has her throat even a little uncovered, the others tell her that she will drive away her good Angel. This is now so accepted among them that, to warn a girl to keep within the bounds of decorum, they say to her, ‘ Be careful that your good Angel does not leave you;’ and the girl to whom this remark is made looks herself over, to see that there is nothing unseemly. [180] Magdelaine Amiskoueian, about seventeen or eighteen years old, is singularly modest. She has never been seen to do anything in the least culpable, in this respect. It is she who recommends modesty to the others, correcting them when they do something childish, but with so much tact that no one gets angry with her. Agnes, having used some improper word through inadvertence, wished to confess it immediately, and did so at the coming of the Father.

“ I will add that these children are very well formed, are very ready in politeness, and are wonderfully clever in performing all their little tasks and the small household duties that we teach them.” Let us see another letter or two upon the same subject.

The Mother Superior thus writes me about them: “ It would be impossible for me to tell you the consolation my mind has experienced in having had the good fortune to see, this week, so many souls who have received holy Baptism; and in knowing that our Lord has done us this favor, that they have been [181] instructed in our little Chapel. To-day our joy