

found hearts brave enough to follow the footprints of these first Amazons? That is what I cannot believe; at least, I can affirm that if we wished professed Nuns, we could find ten for one. "Yes, but they would lack employment." Not if the Savages become sedentary, to which they are very well disposed, thank God. Madame de la Pelterie, who has a truly generous heart, and all her sisters, do their best to advance this plan; also it seems to me that our [7] Lord favors them; for there are found in France some persons of merit and virtue, who perform this truly christian office of providing for the marriage of some Seminarists. They send, for instance, one hundred écus to build one of them a little house; and behold a household established, with some other help that may be given it, to cultivate a little land for its support. There are four Seminarists, very nearly ready to marry. I pray God that he will favor them with a fortunate opportunity. If such piety touch the hearts of many, the Savages will quit the forests to come to us; and the parents will give their children to the Seminary, that they may be able to enter these houses, and to enjoy this charity recorded in the books of the great God.

Moreover, the work of these good Mothers is very useful, and will be still more so hereafter, when they shall be established. Besides the little French girls whom they teach, they have the little permanent Seminarists; these children will be much firmer in the faith than the others; for they are under continual instruction, they [8] see nothing that does not influence them to virtue. We have married this year Magdeleine de saint Joseph Amiskweian, who was taken from their Seminary; this young woman went