

more devoutly for holy Communion. Now, although they are straitened for room, they are sure to be often visited by the simple Savage women when goaded by hunger; the Mothers have them pray to God, speak a good word to them, feed them, and then send them away with this double alms. But let us come down more [10] to details, and let us say a few words of the little Seminarists, following the account that the good Mothers have sent me.

These little creatures have so great a desire to be instructed, that they sometimes tell their teacher that she may chastise them, if they fail in their task; and, if one of them commit any fault, she throws herself immediately on her knees to ask pardon for it. One of our Fathers having gone down to Tadousac this Spring, at the request of the Savages, the two tallest Seminarists sent letters to him in their own writing,—expressing on the one hand a great satisfaction that he was instructing their countrymen; and, on the other, a desire for his return. The Father read these two letters in the presence of the Savages, showing them that their children were capable of Massinahigan as well as ours. They took these letters, turned them on all sides, and looked at them with attention, as if they had been able to read them; they made him read over and over what was written therein, and were very glad to see that our paper spoke their language, for the children wrote in the Savage tongue. It is a pleasure to see the [11] largest and the best-taught girls approach the transient Seminarists, explain to them the doctrine of Jesus Christ, use the same questions that have been put to them, study out a picture, relate prettily a story, and win the attention of those who listen to them.