

If outward acts be an index of the motions and affections of the heart, these children are growing every day in devotion and in virtue; they make every evening their examination of conscience, and quietly warn one another of their little faults. They take great care to search out their offenses, when they must confess; there is one who is no more than eight years old, who speaks to the smallest ones, helps them to examine themselves, and charges them above all not to conceal any sin. I can render good testimony to their conscientiousness; and indeed I can affirm with sincerity, that I have heard no French child of their age, either on this side of the Ocean, or on the other, who opens the heart more frankly, and who knows better its most hidden recesses. In a word, the Savages make a thoroughly good confession; it is admirable, [12] their apprehension of the importance of this Sacrament. I am sometimes amazed to see that barbarians know what heretics ignore or wish to ignore.

On the eve of the Assumption of the blessed Virgin, a Father having heard the confession of little Anne Marie Negabamat, this child said to him after absolution: *Nousai eapitch ni-wich tissarawi*. "My father, I wish to be always a virgin; do not make me leave this House, I wish to live here all my life." Her words touched the Father, as he remembered the opposition that she used to make to him, until he took her once and pretended to throw her into the river, seeing that she was not willing to obey her parents, who bade her remain with these good Sisters.

Agnes Chabwekwechich, hearing the Mother Superior speak of the great sufferings of our Lord,