

exclaimed: "Alas! if he had not atoned for us, we would fall into the fire after our death; truly, I love him more than I do myself." The others also declared that they loved him. [13] Some one inquired if God were not good enough to pardon the wicked Manitous; the Mother answered that the Demons were proud, and that, if they could humble themselves, God would be merciful to them.

Heavy snows and freezing cold are not able to extinguish the ardor of a soul which loves Jesus Christ. Madame de la Pelterie, who has no greater solace than to visit the Savages, went to St. Joseph through the snows, so as to be present at the midnight Mass with the new Christians; she took with her two or three Seminarists. When these children had returned to the House, Agnes began to relate what a Father had said of the Birth of the little Jesus, in the Sermon that he preached to the Savages on this Mystery. "She reproduced his gestures," said the Mother Superior, "and showed how the Bethlehemites repulsed the blessed Virgin, with indignation against them and compassion for the Mother and for the Child;" she described the little Jesus in the manger, with words which moved the good Mothers.

[14] They had set up in the Seminary a little manger: the children went incessantly to see the little Jesus that was lying there, they remained upon their knees near him, and carried little pieces of lighted bark, for want of wax candles. They often make bouquets and garlands of flowers which they offer to the image of the blessed Virgin, upon whom they call with the most tender love.

One day, having met together, they made a little