

ly. We are baptized; be of good cheer, we shall go to heaven.' In the beginning of the danger, I was much afraid; but, having said my prayer, I no longer feared death. I had not finished the sentence, when a great opening was made before our eyes,—the ice scattering to [44] open a way for us; immediately we put our canoe in the water, and leaped into it more swiftly than the wind. We paddled without knowing whither we went, for the ice prevented our seeing the banks of the river; in short, this opening led us up to the shores which we desired to reach. We were so appalled by this wonder that, without speaking to one another, each one knelt on the bank of the stream to thank God that we had escaped from this peril by his favor." This good man had not before related to us this great mercy of our Lord; the Savages speak little of what happens among them, if opportunities are not offered for it.

A poor woman, having come two or three times to confess, and not having been able to do so, on account of the absence of the Father who could hear her, went away so sad, that she passed a great part of the night in tears. Having returned in the morning, she said to the Father: "I have had no rest since my transgression; I will not go back until I have confessed." I have already observed that some of them cannot [45] bear upon their hearts any offense, however trifling, which they have voluntarily committed. A young Christian Savage having awaked in the night, and seeing a woman immodestly covered in her sleep, was seized with fright,—so much does the opportunity for sinning affect these good people. Not knowing how to warn this woman, for fear of putting her to confusion, he bethought him-