

here or whether I am taken back to our cabins, I will always do what I have been ordered to do. I wish to respect my body, and to give it nothing that might injure it, since indeed God does not wish that." If the Savages brought him any little gift of fruit, he would ask permission to eat it. And if he were told that the fruit would injure his health, he would not touch it,—having sufficient self-control to restrain his appetite, which is truly extraordinary in a Savage. This young man has a wife endowed with very fine gifts. She is very gentle and retiring, and as charitable as possible. Her husband has been sick ever since their marriage, but this has not induced her to leave him according to the general custom of the Savages. She has paid him all the visits, and given him all the attention, that could be expected from a woman brought up in the center of Europe; and with a modesty and charity altogether delightful.

[100] Two poor blind women pass a great part of the year in the House of God. Both are very virtuous, but one of them in particular loves God in excellent fashion. Having withdrawn among her own people for a while, a Savage eagerly assailed her, and persecuted her for a long time, promising her wonderful things if she would yield to his base affections. Never did this woman waver, though still young; she remained ever firm, constantly repelling this corrupt man. He spoke of her poverty, and told her that she had no one to support her, and that he would give her every kind of help. "I would rather be poor," she said, "than offend God. I am not forsaken, as you say. The sisters at the house of Charity are my good Mothers; I need no aid, with them." Such actions are the fruit of the tree of life. It is