

their slight occupations, they spent in reading and writing. The Seminarists are so passionately fond of writing that sometimes, when they are refused permission to go out [113] walking, they ask to be at least allowed to write.

These two poor little girls, who were out hunting with their people, felt so keen regret at being so long deprived of the Sacraments of Confession and Communion, that they manifested their sorrow by means of letters replete with affection and piety, which they wrote while away in the woods.

Not a fortnight passes without their asking to make their confession. They carefully examine their conscience every evening, but with such candor that they relate in public the sins that they have discovered in their examination. And if they forget any one that has been noticed by the others, she who has observed it will say aloud: "My Sister, do you not recollect such or such a sin? Ask pardon of God for it." This does not offend them. The harmony and good understanding which exist among them seem almost natural to them.

Little Marie Magdelaine (one of the first pupils of the Seminary), who was reprov'd for some childish fault, to which she had paid no attention, was afflicted with a [114] sorrow which manifested itself on her countenance until she had confessed herself,—thereby showing that the regret for having offended God affected her more than the shame and disgrace of having erred.

"Two of our Girls, aged about eight or nine" (says the Mother) "pressed their Teacher for nearly a year to prepare them for Communion. When they were refused, they came to me and begged me, with