

Catechism very well, and the Father who examined her gave her a slight reward, saying aloud—to encourage her to do well another time—that he was sorry that he could find nothing in his treasures worthy of rewarding such good and full answers. A Savage woman, hearing him, exclaimed: “Ah, my Father, instruction is a great treasure. You make that child very rich when you teach her to know God. It is better to know the road to Heaven than to own all the wealth of the earth.” I think this good woman was related to that one who called out to our Lord: *Beatus venter qui te portavit et ubera quæ suxisti*. She approved that saying of the Scriptures: *Omne aurum, in comparatione illius, arena est exigua*.

Another woman, who was blind, sharply rebuked an Infidel who scoffed at some Christians. When the wretch saw these good Neophytes embark on a Sunday morning, for the purpose of hearing high Mass at Kebec, he also embarked at the same time; and, as they started, he called out: “I have more love for my forefathers than you have.” [36] And, indicating with his hand the place where the Sun sets, he said: “That is where my Ancestors have gone, and that is where I wish to go. That is where my countrymen who are wise should go, and not into your Churches.” The good blind woman, hearing him, replied: “If thou hast such love for thy countrymen, why didst thou abandon them last winter to the mercy of the Hiroquois? Thou wert afraid of being burned. If thou hadst sense, thou wouldst have a still greater fear of the fire of Hell, to which thou wilt go, than of the fire of the Hiroquois. Thou wert not made for nothing. He who created thee will pay thee in money of fire or of glory, after thy