

in France are no burden on the Monasteries where they are educated, but it is otherwise in Canadas. Not only must the little seminarists be fed and taught; they must also be clothed, and, on their departure, considerable alms are given them and oftentimes also to their parents, so poor are they. Not long ago, when a little Huron girl left this holy and charitable house to be taken back to her own country, the good Mothers not only clothed her from head to feet, but they also gave [63] presents to her parents, to manifest the satisfaction that the child had given them. That is not all; food had to be provided for her and for those who came for her; in a word, you would say that they would cheerfully incur all the expense necessary to lead and to conduct them to Paradise.

Another Algonquin Seminarist had been fed, educated, and cared for during many years at the Seminary; the good Mothers gave her the small articles of furniture that she needed on the occasion of her marriage, and their charity went beyond the seas to obtain her marriage portion from a Lady of merit, whose piety is probably already rewarded a hundred-fold on earth, and will be one day in Heaven. It is truly seeking the glory of Our Lord, to provide for the necessities of others amid the needs of a house that is itself in straitened circumstances.

They fed a Huron whose piety delighted all who knew him. However cold it might be throughout the winter, he never failed to go through snow and ice to hear a Mass in the parish church before daylight, notwithstanding the fact that he afterward went [64] to that which was said every day in the