

unworthy of communion; go and confess; you should fast for so grievous a sin." The poor child did so, contrary to the expectation of her good mistress, and came to her, saying: "I have done what you ordered me to do. Is there anything else to be done, that I may not be deprived of communion?" It requires no slight courage in a child to fast, and especially a Savage child, who takes after its parents; and they are as addicted to eating as drunkards are to drinking.

The children of the Savages, like those of Europeans, are little monkeys; they imitate everything they see done. It may be believed that, since the foundations of this new world were laid, they had never had any processions; but, as they see some from time to time, they have commenced to form processions in their own fashion. A few days ago, a small band of these little innocents was observed marching in order; one bore a Cross, another a banner, others candlesticks made in the Savage fashion or naturally formed. Some sang, while others walked two by two, as they had seen us do. All this teaches us [71] that Christianity is becoming founded and established among these peoples. The Hiroquois spoil everything,—they scatter the sheep from their fold, and keep them away from their Pastors; they banish them from their little Church; in a word, that scourge is very heavy. God be praised at all times, and in all places; we must submit to his orders. He allows his Church to be afflicted, but it is his desire that those who have power to succor it should raise the standard for his glory. Let us change the subject.

A young Savage who spoke of the great perfidy of