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sultry Sabbath, after having instructed her to behave very reverently, once within the walls of the Church she forgot the child's presence and became absorbed in her devotions. Great was the old lady's dismay, when, as the priest was taking the ablution, she heard a firm small voice beside her, with all the gravity of six summers, address him, "O man, man, do not drink it all! Give me some." "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings Thou hast perfected praise." And who knows but the language of the little one had a deeper meaning than the shocked old lady imagined, and shocked she must certainly have been, for children in the Old Land are taught that no excuse avails at any time, for breaking in on the solemnity that surrounds the Tabernacle.

The reverence for children was very marked in Ellen in her mature years, which shows what an innocent, pure heart she must have possessed in her tenderest youth. Her angelic face seemed to bear the stamp of grace, and it was believed she had never lost her baptismal innocence, for though possessed of great beauty, it was not so much the beauty of her face as the spiritual expression of her countenance that impressed one. This expression seemed to be the reflection of a soul always united to God. Later on, when many years a Religious, on one occasion the little sister of one of the Novices, brought the newly received Nun a large bouquet of rare flowers, and being instructed that her sister was in the Reception room with several Nuns and their friends, she entered with her floral gift, and bravely marched up to Reverend Mother and presented her offering. Questioned