

[51] CHAPTER III.

CONTINUATION OF THE SAME SUBJECT.

AS the Savages like the three Rivers better than [52] Kébec, they stop there oftener, and in greater numbers. This is why the Fathers who have been living this year in our Residence of the Conception have baptized more people than did those who remained at Kébec, where these Barbarians do not stay so long. We have not failed, however, to gather some fruit among them, as we have induced them to give us some of their children, of whom I shall speak hereafter, and as some of them have received holy Baptism. I do not separate them from the others who received this Sacrament at the Conception, speaking of all according to the time when they entered the Church.

On the ninth of February, a Savage named *Attikamegou*, and surnamed "the Prince" by our Frenchmen, having camped quite near nostre Dame des Anges, sent posthaste for one of our Fathers to baptize a little boy of his, who was dying. The Father took a little water with him, fearing he might not find any in their bark house, as the cold had frozen the brooks and rivers. He hurried as fast as he could, [53] and finally, all out of breath, arrived at the place where lay the child, who was on the verge of death. His father begged that he should be made a Christian before his death; his mother opposed this, saying quite harshly that she did not