

## CHAPTER II.

### A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF QUEBEC AND OTHER PLACES.

As I shall often have occasion to speak of Quebec, which is the principal settlement we have in New France, and the first place therein that was inhabited by Frenchmen, I think it proper that I should begin by giving a rough description of it for the benefit of my readers.

Quebec then, is the principal settlement, in which the Governor-General of the whole country resides. It has a good fort and a good garrison, as well as a fine church, which serves as a Parish Church, and is as it were the Cathedral of the whole country. Divine Service is performed in this Church, with the same ceremonies as in the best parish Churches in France. It is also in this place that the Bishop resides. There is a Jesuit College here, and a Convent of Ursuline Nuns, who teach all the little girls, which does a great deal of good to the country, as well as the Jesuits' college, for the instruction, of all the youth of this rising Colony. There is likewise a Convent of Nuns with a Hospital (*Hospitalières*) to the great relief of the sick poor. It is a pity they have not a larger income.

Quebec is situated on the bank of the great river Saint Lawrence, which is about a short league wide at this place, where it flows between high banks. The fort, the Churches, the convents and the finest houses are built on the height; but many dwellings and warehouses are built at the foot of the hill, on the shore of the great river, for the sake of being near the ships which come