

CHAPTER III.

THAT THE HURONS RECOGNIZE SOME DIVINITY; OF
THEIR SUPERSTITIONS, AND THEIR
FAITH IN DREAMS.

AS these poor Savages, being men, have not been able altogether to deny God, and, being given to vice, could have only conceptions of him unworthy of his greatness,—they have neither sought nor recognized him except on the surface of created things, in which they have hoped for happiness or dreaded some misfortune. They address themselves to the Earth, to Rivers, to Lakes, to dangerous Rocks, but above all, to the Sky; and believe that all these things are animate, [109] and that some powerful Demon resides there. They are not contented with making simple vows, they often accompany them with a sort of sacrifice. I have remarked two kinds of these. Some are to render them propitious and favorable; others to appease them, when they have received in their opinion some disgrace from them, or believe they have incurred their anger or indignation. Here are the ceremonies they employ in these sacrifices. They throw some Tobacco into the fire; and if it is, for example, to the Sky that they address themselves, they say, *Aronhiaté onné aonstaniwas taitenr*, “O Sky, here is what I offer thee in sacrifice; have pity on me, assist me.” If it is to implore health, *taenguiaens*, “Heal me.”¹⁵ They have recourse to the Sky in almost all their ne-