

[17] CHAPTER II.

OF THE NUNS RECENTLY ARRIVED IN NEW FRANCE,
AND OF THEIR OCCUPATION.

IT was in this Year that Madame the Duchess d'Aiguillon erected and endowed a house in honor of God in this new world, while God is preparing another dwelling for her in Heaven. And there was found an Amazon, who has led the Ursulines, and established them on these outer confines of the world. It is indeed a remarkable fact that,—at the very moment when God touched the heart of madame the Duchess d'Aiguillon in Paris, and inspired her with the idea of building a Hostel-Dieu¹ for our Savages who were dying in the forests, abandoned and without any assistance, and while she was thinking [18] of the Hospital Nuns of Dieppe² for carrying out her project,—he raised up, in another part of France, a modest and virtuous Lady, and inspired her to undertake the Seminary for the little daughters of the Savages, and to confide its management to the Ursulines. And he so arranged affairs that, without the one knowing anything of the other's design, all was accomplished at the same time, so that these good Nuns might have the consolation of crossing the Ocean together, and that the Savages might benefit, at the same moment, by this double and equally necessary service. I would offend the reasonable desires of many, if I did not say here a word respecting the conduct of that virtuous Lady