

CHAPTER III.

OF THE FAVORABLE DISPOSITIONS OF THE SAVAGES
TOWARDS THE FAITH.

ALL that we said last year of the blessings which God grants to this new Church, has been perceptibly increased since that time, in spite of all the opposition and obstacles of the Demons and of their tools. We have baptized more Savages than in previous years. The Sedentary families have persevered in the practice of Christianity, [38] and have inclined others to imitate them. Prayers are publicly said everywhere. The chants and Drums of the sorcerers or jugglers are losing their influence. The Name of JESUS CHRIST is spreading like a fragrant balm, making itself felt far away in these vast countries. The rumor of our faith and the assistance that we have commenced to give to those who have become settled, have induced over eight hundred Algonquins to come down as far as the three Rivers,—who have declared that they approached us merely for the purpose of acquiring knowledge of the true God. So indeed I may say that we have seen Savages of more than ten different Nations bend the knee before JESUS CHRIST, lending ear to a language they had never heard. I do not say that they are all converted, but, at least, they have commenced to render some homage to their God, being present at the prayers which their Countrymen or allies offer up into his hand. Now, that we may observe some