

CHAP. VII.

OF THE MISSION OF LA CONCEPTION TO THE AT-
TIGNAOUENTAN.

HAVING left the Residence which we had in former years at the village of la Conception, or Ossossané, we have continued to cultivate this same village by means of a mission, to which twelve other hamlets and little villages have also been added,—St. François Xavier, St. Charles,¹¹ Sainte Agnes, sainte Magdelaine, sainte Geneviefve, St. Martin, St. Antoine, sainte Cecile, sainte Catherine, sainte Terese, sainte Barbe, and saint Estienne.

[100] Father Paul Ragueneau has had the principal care of this mission; Father du Perron and Father Chaumonot successively have assisted him; and all three have had not a little to suffer and labor,—both because of the extent of their department, and because of the character of the persons who are encountered therein. For, having always lived among them since we have been in the country, they happen to be for the most part cudgeled over and over again by our mysteries; and by the contempt with which they have treated the grace of God, their heart is hardened, and every day they become more and more embittered against him, in proportion as this fatherly hand keeps chastising them to bring them down to their duty. Thence have come the worst reports and the most pernicious designs against us; those are the ones who in the