

[5] CHAPTER FIRST.

OF THE RESIDENCE OF NOSTRE DAME DE RECOU-
VRANCE AT KEBEC, AND THE SEMINARY
OF THE URSULINES.

I N this Chapter I ought to speak of the virtue of our French people; but it is sufficient to say that the peace, the repose, and the tranquillity that we possess, and the good example of those who rule us, with the absence of opportunities for sin, put us in the way to Heaven without great effort,—so that, if any one of those who die in these lands be lost, I believe that he will be doubly guilty; for everything inclines us to Virtue, and the path of vice is here altogether full of shame and disgrace. Enough of this matter. Let us say a few words about the Seminary of the Ursuline Mothers. Two courageous sisters, provided with a suitable endowment,—[6] to aid in building the House which they are commencing this year at Kebec, and which will cost them dear,—would be well received in their Monastery, which contains more joy in its little enclosure than the Palaces of the Cesars in their great extent. It is said that there will scarcely be found secular sisters who would consent to bring their fortunes and spend their lives in this New World, either among the Sisters of Mercy in the Hospital, or in the house of the Ursulines. Indeed! is it possible that all the generous sisters that were in old France have come over into the New? and that there are no longer