

## [72] CHAPTER V.

OF THE BAPTISM OF A HURON AT THE RESIDENCE OF  
SAINT JOSEPH, NEAR KEBEC.

FATHER Jean de Brebeuf having come down from the country of the Hurons with Father François du Peron, was conducted as far as Kebec by the Savages, partly Christians, partly Catechumens. There was among them a man of importance and of good sense, a son of the Captain of his Village; but, since in those regions children do not succeed their fathers in these honorable posts as regularly as do nephews on the sister's side, this man leads a private life in his own country. Nevertheless, as he is clever, and recognized as a man of ability, he is listened to and is much beloved by his Countrymen. Monsieur the Chevalier de Montmagny having learned from the lips of Father de Brebeuf the fine qualities of this good Catechumen, asked if they [73] could not properly baptize him before his departure; the Father answered that this worthy man had not the most ardent desires for it, that they delayed it only to test him further. "He has never," said the Father, "positively opposed the faith. In our severest persecutions,—when on all sides they were banishing us, and the doors of the cabins and admission to the Villages were being closed to us, he received us charitably, and permitted us to baptize not only his relatives, but even his own children. This last Spring, he cast into the fire the