

tongue, "Metaberoutin," and in the French, "the Three Rivers,"¹⁵ to trade at the warehouse of the Gentlemen of New France. During the stay which they make there, our Fathers who are at the Residence [117] of la Conception, at the Three Rivers, carry on a different traffic with them,—they promise them in the name of Jesus Christ an Eternity of glory for an obedience of short duration. These good people had promised that they would come nearer to us, in order to be instructed; but the fear of the Hiroquois, the common enemy of all the Savages, who have relations with the French, has made them abandon this idea; so much so, that, having come down to the Three Rivers this Spring, this is what they said to Father Jacques Buteux: "We promised thee last year," said their Captain, "that we would come and dwell a day's journey from your Settlement, as much in order to learn the way to heaven as to cultivate the land. We had a meeting concerning this subject in our country, and every one approved of this design; but the boasts of the Hiroquois made us suspend its execution. We are not men of war,—we handle the paddle better than the javelin; we love peace; that is why we keep as far as possible from occasions for fighting. If we could overcome [118] these people who wish to massacre us, we would very soon be near you, for we have a great desire to be instructed." In fact, these good people are more often with us than at the warehouse where they buy their provisions.

After the speech of this Captain, one of his people came to the Father in private, in order to be more fully instructed. The Father having explained to him at various times a good part of our belief, this