

## [202] CHAPTER XIII.

OF THE GOOD PROSPECTS FOR THE CONVERSION OF  
THE SAVAGES, AND OBSTACLES THERETO.

THE arrival of the Vessels ordinarily brings a mingling of joy and sorrow. We took satisfaction in seeing the men of the Gentlemen of Montreal, because their design is wholly for the glory of our Lord, should it succeed. This satisfaction was alloyed by the delay of the sieur de Maison-neuve,<sup>4</sup> who commands these men, and who put into port three times while in France; and, at last, he arrived so late that he was not able to ascend the river above Kebec this year. God grant that the Hiroquois may not shut up the roads, when it shall be a question of going farther forward. Whoever has made a strong resolution to work for Jesus Christ ought to love the Cross of Jesus Christ. *Non est discipulus super magistrum.* The Cross is [203] the tree of life, which bears the fruits of Paradise, *et folia ligni ad sanitatem gentium.* The conversion of the Savages will be made only by the Cross.

It was however a welcome consolation to us to see that the long hardships of the voyage had not impaired the health of the passengers who came to increase our little Colony; Father Jacques de la Place<sup>5</sup> and our Brother Ambroise Brouet arrived in good health, thank God. A young Lady, who had not in France two doubles' worth of life, as they say, lost more than half of it on the Vessel, so much