

the Huron Mission has lasted,—[3] where, during the same time, we have been as many as sixty Europeans, among whom were many of very feeble constitution,—no one has died a natural death here, notwithstanding the great inconveniences and sufferings, as we shall see; while in Europe those years are few indeed when some one does not die in our Colleges, if their inmates are at all numerous. Now, *omnis corruptio ab humido*,—therefore, *à contrario, sanitas à sicco*; and on this account, perhaps,—besides the change of diet,—the Barbarians find it difficult to accustom themselves to the air of Europe. Thus there is a common cause for both heat and cold, namely, *quia siccitas est causa caloris et frigoris*. But for the cold, in particular, we might add: First, that the land lies higher than ours, and consequently nearer to the second region of the air, of whose cold it partakes in a greater degree. And this is proved by the greater depth of the Sea, which is consequently more dangerous to the ships that are obliged to land. Secondly, by the many river-cascades, which if placed together would form a fairly high mountain; which, however, forming itself, as it were, by gradations, is not so perceptible. Thirdly, by the very cold winds blowing from the neighboring mountains, which traverse the whole country as the Apennines traverse Italy; these winds more frequently blow from cold and dry countries, corresponding to our northwest winds, and to the Southwest wind which in those countries is cold, clear, and healthful,—the rains proceeding from the Northeast wind, which comes from the sea. The country, it is true, is full of great rivers and immense lakes; but this does not detract from its dryness,—these rivers and lakes