

apish tricks for their own [87] profit. Our patient allowed himself to be blown upon, to follow the custom of his Ancestors. He firmly promised me never again to have recourse to these remedies. But, do what they will, their relations procure these for them, against their own wish. Now, as they continued to explain to him the Christian truths, he urged the Father to make him a Christian and to take care of his soul. "Thou seest," he said, "that I believe, and that, to obey thee, I will not have our Medicine Men come near me; I can now scarcely move; if I die without Baptism thou sayest that I will go into the fires that are never extinguished. Why dost thou delay so long?" The ships having meanwhile arrived, he was granted the accomplishment of his desire. After being baptized, he called the Father and said to him, "*Nikanis*, my soul is full of comfort; it has, nevertheless, one more desire,—that is, to see my relatives for the last time; they are up there at the three Rivers; dost thou see fit that I should go there? If thou dost not approve this, I will die here near thee; but thou hast some brothers up yonder; write them to take care of my soul, as thou hast done." The Father answered him that he would die on the way. "No," said he, "I shall not die; [88] I feel in my heart that I shall reach three Rivers, and make a short stay there, and then I shall die;" all this was true. The Father gave him some letters, and they placed him in a Canoe, his wife and children taking him away. When they arrived, he sent for Father Buteux, had him sit down near him, and handed him the letters that had been given him. The Father, learning through these letters that he was a Christian and godson of Monsieur the Govern-