

heard at nightfall. All the Indians ran to the spot from which it came, and the Frenchwoman from Montreal with the rest. There they found a fire kindled, and the babe which they were preparing to cast into the flames. The very Indians could not but be moved at the sight; but they were still more so, when they saw a little Innocent, only a year old, raise its hands to heaven with a sweet smile, and thrice call its mother, showing by its gestures that it sought to embrace her. The Frenchwoman felt assured that its mother had appeared to it; and it is more than probable that she had besought the Almighty to restore it to her at once in order to secure its eternal salvation. Be that as it may, the child was not given to the flames. One of the most influential men in the village seized it by the feet and dashed its head against a stone.

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I CONCLUDE with the history of a neophyte, who, after escaping the stake which was prepared for him, had nevertheless the happiness of giving his life, not to be exposed to the danger of losing his faith. He was a young Mohawk, named Stephen Hoonhouentsiontaouet. He was captured by one of his own nation, who took him to his canton. As he had many relatives his life was spared, and he was given to the people of his own lodge, who earnestly persuaded him to follow the customs of the nation, that is to say, plunge into the most fearful debauchery. He met their solicitations with the truths of salvation, which he explained very well, and never ceased exhorting them to follow him to Sault Saint Louis, in order to embrace Christianity there. But he spoke to people born and bred in vice, which they had made too alluring a habit, to bring themselves to renounce it. Hence his example and exhortations only served to harden their hearts.

When he saw that his stay at Agnier was of no advantage to his kindred, and became dangerous even to his own salvation, he resolved to return to his Mission. On imparting his design to his relatives, they consented all the more willingly as his departure would relieve them of an importunate censor, whom they could no longer endure. He accordingly for the second time left his family and country, to put his religion in safety. He had scarcely set out, before the news of his departure reached a lodge, where some young men were on a debauch. The tidings inflamed their