

chiefships and the "white dog" paganism; and there lives the grand nephew of Chief David Cusick, author of the "Ancient History of the Six Nations."

Mr. Beauchamp has reprinted the latter rare book in full in his "Iroquois Trail." The present Onondaga, though some seven miles back among the low hills south of Syracuse is not so retired nor so high as the earlier towns, for all the earliest "Castles" were fastnesses far removed and on the tops and sides of hills. As safety and triumphs increased, the Iroquois tribes advanced their several towns to more accessible situations. From Onondaga eastward was the scene of the first journey of Hiawatha to found the celebrated League of the Five Nations, and it was of interest to me to note the various points of his journey, which may still be easily traced.

Leaving Onondaga Mountain and its palisaded "village" he passed down the Onondaga Creek, (which now enters Syracuse and is used to feed the Erie Canal); past the Salt Springs into the long low sandy-shored Lake Onondaga where the League was soon to be formed; thence by a short outlet which Indian tradition says he straightened by a marvelous cut of his paddle through the soil, into the Seneca River, flowing towards the Oswego River; thence up the Oneida River eastward to the great Oneida Lake, at the southeast end of which, far up Oneida Creek, to the Castle of Oneida, a nation situated up among the hills; and thence, after a short portage to the head waters of the Mohawk River itself,