

as to the snow-shoes, "an article of equipment which I never used before." In the *London Chronicle* of June 23rd and 25th, 1768, are given two extracts from William Henry's book which exhibit a similar interest in the mental and social condition of the Indians to that which characterizes Alexander Henry's writings, and as they are apparently the only portions now extant, they are worth reprinting.

"This writer, who is an Englishman, gives a plain short account of his education in human learning at an academy in Northampton; his settlement in America, as a trader with the Ohio Indians; his being surprised and made a prisoner at the breaking out of the late war; his spiritual change or conversion during his sickness and other afflictions, and then among a multitude of other particulars relating to the Indians, says :

"I had always a facility in learning languages and the pains I took *after my adoption to acquire theirs, with the proficiency I soon made in it, ingratiated me a good deal with the Indians, so that in this third year I found myself much respected. Old Canassatego; a warrior, counsellor, and the chief man of our village, used to come frequently to smoke and talk with me, while I worked at my new † business, and many of the younger men would come and sit with him, pleased to hear our conversations. As he soon saw I was curious on that head he took a good deal of pains to instruct me in the principles of their eloquence, an art (it may seem strange to say it but it is strictly true) carried much higher among these savages than it is now in any part of Europe, as it is their only polite art, as they practice it from their infancy, as everything of consequence is transacted in

* All their prisoners that are not burnt are adopted and incorporated with some family, and, of course, with the nation.

† Mending of gun locks.