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THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS

THE Iroquois were probably the most ferocious and the most warlike group of Indians mentioned in American history. In the seventeenth century they occupied the greater part of the present State of New York, and were banded together, five nations of them, in a strong Confederacy. They were constantly at war with other Indian nations, and were usually the victors, owing to their superior cunning and knowledge of primitive military strategy. The Dutch, who were then

The Iroquois colonizing the region of the Hudson
Indians and the Mohawk, had taught them the use of firearms, and for over a century they pursued the early settlers of Canada with an implacable hatred. So desperate had the situation become that the strong arm of Old France had to be invoked in 1665 to save the Canadian colony from extermination.

And yet, in the seventeenth century, French Jesuits were found brave enough to go to those Iroquois tribes along the Mohawk River and elsewhere, to live among them and preach the Gospel to them. Christian Huron and Algonquin prisoners, who had been adopted into the Confederacy,