

or half killed by strokes of the hatchet. The field of battle was left with the Andastes, with a loss, it is said, of fifteen or sixteen of their number. May God preserve the Andastes who have barely three hundred men of war! May He favor their arms to humble the Iroquois, and preserve to us the peace of our missions!

After this letter was written, Father de Carheil returned with restored health to the mission. The record is that "finding human skill unavailing, he made a pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Anne, and obtained deliverance from the nervous disorder which afflicted him." With the year of his return to Cayuga, 1672, the *Relations* covering a period of nearly forty consecutive years, are concluded; and whatever has been gleaned of the subsequent history of this and the other Jesuit missions among the Iroquois, is mainly from the manuscript relations at Quebec or at Rome. We learn from Shea, the historian of American Catholic Missions, who has carefully studied this unpublished collection, that on his return to Cayuga, de Carheil found prejudice still deeply rooted in the popular mind, and calumnies of every kind wide spread against the faith. Some consoling conversions however, occurred; and among others that of a young chief gladdened his heart. His only stay was the Chieftan Saonchiogwan who seconded all his efforts.

The mission continued in this way for several years, unmarked by any striking event, the obstinate and haughty spirit of the people remaining the same as ever, till about 1684, when the faithful missionary was plundered of everything by a chief named Horchouasse, and driven from the country by Oreouate and Sarennoa, the two head chief, at the time, of the canton. This was due in good part to English intrigue.

In 1683, Col. Thomas Dongan, governor of New York, had so far succeeded in destroying the influence of the French with the Iroquois, that, though himself a Catholic, he directed all his effort to expel the Canadian missionaries; and to inspire the Indians with greater confidence. he promised to send them