

critics in Paris sit in judgment upon the holy fathers, who had laid down their lives for the cause that was so dear to their hearts. Little did the courtiers know of the wide gulf that separated the savage from the white man. Champlain, through his unfortunate alliance with the Hurons and Algonquins, had added more fuel to the fire of hatred that burned within the breasts of the Iroquois, who vowed a terrible vengeance not only upon their hereditary enemies, but upon the white men who had humbled their pride, slain their chiefs, and invaded their territory; and nothing would satiate their thirst for the blood of their rivals but the complete extermination of the tribes opposed to them.

The history of the world has recorded the incompatibility of the sword and cross advancing hand in hand, and the task of the Jesuits, difficult enough at its best, was rendered much more so by reason of the attacks of the French upon the Iroquois at the very beginning of their attempt to colonize New France. The messengers of peace, not through the assistance of the representatives of the crown, but in spite of the unwise policy of the civil authorities, had made substantial progress in their missionary labours among the savages. To no other cause can we attribute the desire of the Cayugas at Kenté to have a missionary sent to them than that the lingering traces of the truths of Christianity that had been instilled in their hearts by such faithful exponents of the Gospel as Father Jogues still influenced them. It was upon this foundation laid by him and his fellow labourers, a foundation shattered and torn asunder by the inconsistencies of the representatives of the crown, that the Sulpicians now began anew to build up a faith in the religion of the cross.

To appease the Governor and the Intendant, who had received their instructions from Colbert, a new policy was to be adopted. The Indians were to be taught the French language, and it was hoped that by this means all racial differences would be wiped out, the native tribes would be brought nearer to the superior race, in closer touch with their life, its aims, and ambitions, and that by this new method, light would be admitted to the darkness surrounding the pagan soul, trade would be re-established upon a surer basis, and a colony would spring up that would greatly extend the power of France over the new world. To this end the Sulpicians bent all their energies, and during the long winter evenings in the stifling atmosphere of a crowded and smoking wigwam the patient fathers imparted to the wondering circle of attentive listeners the mysteries of the new tongue. At Ganneious was established one of their embryo academies, the first step taken towards the creation of an educational system in this district. In the spring of 1669 Fenelon paid a flying visit to Montreal and reported upon his work; and so pleased