

extraordinary and ferocious animal in various places, under the name of the great O-yal-kher, or Mammoth Bear. One morning while a party of hunters were in their camp, near the banks of a lake in the Oneida country, they were alarmed by a great tumult breaking out from the lake. Going to see the cause of this extraordinary noise, they saw the monster on the bank rolling down stones and logs into the water, and exhibiting the utmost signs of rage. Another great animal, of the cat kind, with great paws, came out of the water, and seized the bear. A dreadful fight ensued; and in the end, the bear was worsted, and retired, horribly lamed."—*Schoolcraft's Notes on the Iroquois.*

## STANZA XXXIX.

"Braves! hear again the words of dread,  
By bright To-gan-a-we-tah said,  
A hundred hundred moons ago!"

To-gan-a-we-tah was regarded by the Iroquois as a preternatural being; he is described as a young man of a remarkably beautiful person, so beautiful that Hah-wen-ne-yo himself might envy him,—very good and very wise. He was, as before stated, one of the three makers of the League, and appeared suddenly amidst the people, just before the agitation of the subject, no one knowing whence he came. After the formation of the Confederacy, he uttered the following extraordinary prophecy. Said he,—“When the White Throats shall come, then, if ye are divided, you will pull down the Long House, cut down the Tree of Peace, and put out the Council Fire.”

These words (given to me by Dr. Wilson, an Iroquois Chief, as before stated, as the literal prophecy) made a deep