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MR. G. H. M.  
JOHNSON,

THE MOHAWK  
INDIAN CHIEF.

We give on this page a portrait of Chief Johnson of the Mohawk nation—one of the six in the far-famed confederacy of the Six Nations, or Iroquois—as they were called by the French. Mr. Johnson resides in the township of Onondaga, in the county of Brant, between the village of Middleport and the Tuscarora church. Though quite a young man yet, comparatively speaking, he has attained to a leading position among his people. He has a good education and is well informed generally; and if our recollection of what we have been told be not at fault, has had the benefit of a collegiate course in Toronto. He acts in the capacity of interpreter for the Rev. Mr. Elliot, Church of England missionary to the Indians on the lower settlements of the Grand River. In all important affairs, such as transactions with the government, and the like, he is now the principal medium of



GEORGE H. M. JOHNSON, MOHAWK INDIAN CHIEF, AS HE APPEARED AT THE BRANTFORD REVIEW.

communication between the whites and the Indians.

Though all but a very few of the Indians live on what is, from here, the otherside of the river, Mr. Johnson remains on this side, probably as we suppose, for convenience to the church, which was built long ago, when the Indians largely occupied the north or left bank of the river, as well as the opposite one. The Tuscarora church, if we mistake not, is of older date than any in Hamilton. It was built by the Society for the propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts.

The Mohawks and the Tuscaroras are, for the most part, with but few if any exceptions, converted to Christianity, to its outward forms, at all events. And so likewise are some of the Oneidas and Onondagas. But the major portion of these two nations last mentioned, and all but a very few of the Senecas and Cayugas, still hold resolutely to the belief of their forefathers.