

RELATION 1676-7.

The upper Iroquois, that is to say, those whose lands are most remote from the French settlements, especially the Senecas and Cayugas, are the most haughty and insolent of all. They go so far as to pursue the missionaries tomahawk in hand, pelt them with stones, demolish their chapels and their little cabins, heaping on them a thousand other kinds of gross ill treatment.

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I can draw nothing else from the letters of Fathers de Carheil, Pierron, Raffeix and Garnier, who are among the upper Iroquois: their greatest and almost sole occupation is to suffer, and so to say, die each moment, under the blow of continual threats and insults which these savages necessarily breathe against them. In spite of all this, they have not neglected to wrest many souls from hell. For his part, Father Pierron has baptized since a year ago, ninety of these Indians, almost all children, of whom fifty died after baptism.

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In one town of the Senecas, where Father Garnier is, there have died within a year forty children and forty adults, baptized. As for Father Raffeix, who is in another town of the Senecas, he reports that he profited well by a pulmonary disorder with which God has chastised these savage inhabitants, and which carried off in a month sixty small children. "I have not spared myself in order to be able to obtain the grace of baptism for them, as well as for those adults whom God made known to be His in the course of this fatal malady."

RELATION 1677-8.

Farther on, Fathers Raffeix and Garnier, who are at Sontouan, and where the danger is greatest (because it is the nation which more especially desires war) have conferred