

and of those long seventeen hours* when, forsaken by all her earthly friends, God sent His blessed angels to keep watch and ward around her, to guard her from perishing from the cold and hunger, from the attack of wild beasts, from falling down the steep river bank, or any other danger which threatened the little fragile life. Surely by His Providence was the timely succour brought out of its wonted course, and the relief administered which one half-hour later would in all probability have come too late !

Of the unhappy father of Owindia but little remains to be told. He wandered about the woods for some time after his merciless deed ; having neither gun, nor axe, nor fish-net, he was utterly unable to provide himself food. When reduced to the very last extremity of weakness and starvation, he yet contrived to fasten a few boards together and make himself a raft : on this he paddled across the Mac-

* The Indians have a wonderful knack of measuring time by the sun and moon—"In two moons and when the sun is *there*" (indicating a certain point in the heavens), would be an Indian's version of "two months hence at three o'clock p.m."