

RELATION 1674.

"If Father Carheil does not sanctify himself as much as he desires, it is certain that he does so, as do Fathers Garnier and Raffeix in the towns of Seneca, which are the most remote from us, and also apparently from the Faith. However these two brave missionaries make many conquests from the enemy. Father Pierron has gone to join them to take care of a large town, which we have not been able hitherto to provide."

RELATION 1675, MISSION AMONG THE IROQUOIS, CALLED SONNONTOUANS.

Fathers Pierron, Raffeix and Garnier, who labor in three different towns, are, so to say, obliged to carry their lives in their hands at all times, for they are in almost habitual danger of being massacred by those savages.

In fact, since the Sénecas entirely defeated the Andastogues, who were their ancient and most formidable enemies, their insolence knows no bounds. They talk only of renewing the war against our allies, and even against the French, and beginning by the destruction of Fort Catarokoui. They not long since resolved to tomahawk Father Garnier, treating him as a sorcerer. They had not only selected, but even paid the man who was to strike the blow, and we should no longer possess this missionary had not God preserved him by a most singular Providence. All these insults do not prevent the Fathers from performing their functions boldly, giving instruction in their cabin and chapels, where they have baptized more than a hundred persons within a year, and they find that fifty, children and adults, die every year, after baptism. However, if these savages take up arms against us, as they threaten, our missions are in great danger, either of being ruined or at least interrupted, as long as the war lasts.