

## THE STORY OF THE HURONS.

turned again to Canada. He was accompanied this time by four Récollet priests, members of the Franciscan Order, for the purpose of ministering to the spiritual needs of the Indian population as well as to those of the French traders and settlers. They arrived at Quebec at the end of May, 1615, where, after choosing a site for their convent near the fortifications erected by Champlain, they built an altar, and on June 24th Father Dolbeau celebrated the first mass ever said in Canada. The congregation knelt on the bare earth, while the guns from the fort and from the ship in the river marked the occasion as one of special importance.

Father Jamay and Du Plesis were assigned to work at Quebec, Father Le Caron to establish a mission to the Hurons at their headquarters on Lake Huron, and Father Dolbeau to work among the Montagnais Indians on the St. Lawrence. Le Caron immediately set off to Montreal, then thronged with Indians on their annual visit for the trading of furs. The assembled Hurons and Algonquins also were eager for Champlain's assistance against the Iroquois. "With French